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Peace on earth good will to men

May peace and happiness prevail in all our hearts this Christmas Day.

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Myth of Mistletoe

Surrounded by myth by primitive peoples, the mistletoe was taken over by Christians who also wove fanciful legends around it.

In ancient mythology, the mistletoe was the instrument of evil. The Druids of Britain believed the plant possessed healing powers. Other primitive people thought that mistletoe found growing on oaks had magical powers.

Taken over into Christian tradition, the mistletoe was dedicated to the Christ Child. Adopted as symbolical of the healing power of our Lord, it was used to adorn the altars at Christmas. Monks of the monasteries called it the "wood of the cross" and attributed supernatural powers to it. The white berries were said to reflect the radiance caught from the guiding star when the Wise Men were led to the manger.

CHRISTMAS ODDITIES

Norwegian farmers give their cattle tubs of home-brewed ale on Christmas Eve.

At midnight of Christmas Eve people in Madrid eat 12 grapes for good luck in the coming year.

There are 175 different kinds of holly.

Christmas has been celebrated on more than 100 different days in various parts of the world.

Christopher Columbus and his men landed on the coast of Cuba on December 25, 1492, naming the point Navidad.

George Washington crossed the Delaware and made a successful attack on the Hessian troops at Trenton, N. J., on Christmas Day, 1776.

Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan followers abolished Christmas Day in England, banning all feasting and fun. The ban lasted for seven years and was lifted when Charles II became king.

The needy are considered in Hungary at Christmastime, a levy being assessed against richer citizens so the poor may have sufficient to eat and drink.

Roots of Culture — Good Taste THEN and NOW

MONDAY DINNER-BRIDGE HOLDS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Al Williams entertained members of the Monday Dinner-Bridge Club for the annual Christmas dinner. High scores were awarded to Mrs. Gordon Lyons and Dr. Bob Jarrett.

Present were: Dr. and Mrs. Bob Jarrett, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Newman and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wooten will spend Christmas in Pampa visiting in the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. E. Daniel and family.

Bill McCarty of Amarillo was a visitor in Canyon Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Britt have as their guests for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shotwell of Pampa; Mrs. W. K. Clayton and son, Bill, of San Diego, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hartman and daughter, Sandra, of Amarillo.

Miss Martha Jean Dowd, teacher in the Kaufman schools, and Bobby Dowd, student at Texas A. & M. College, College Station, are in Canyon to spend the holidays visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dowd.

Dr. and Mrs. Ples Harper are in Tucson, Ariz., to visit with relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Clark left this week to spend the holidays with relatives in California.

Rev. Weems Dykes, minister of the First Christian Church, left Sunday night to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. W. Dykes, in Gilmer, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Winters, Barbara, Allen and John will spend Christmas Day visiting with relatives in Amairllo.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Henson and daughters, Beverly and Marion, are spending the Christmas holidays visiting with relatives in Commerce.

Dr. Waldo E. Houghton

OPTOMETRIST

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WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, LET'S TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT TO ADD OUR FELICITATIONS TO THE MANY OTHERS YOU ARE RECEIVING, BY WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE

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CHRISTMAS 1947

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THE old saying that it isn't the gift but the giving that's appreciated may be true, but just the same a good gift quickens the heart so much more.

In being able to draw upon the abundance of the country, farm people are in a position to present especially valued gifts at comparatively small cost. For instance, a box full of spruce, fir, pine, holly, cedar or balsam is always welcomed as a decorative source by city friends.

City people, like everybody else, also appreciate good things to eat, and home canned country fruits and vegetables or some fowl can be expected to make a big hit. Gardeners

in the big town will gladly welcome a packet of seeds gleaned from an expansive country garden.

Handy home-makers can convert old articles into attractive gifts. An old felt hat can be made into a beanie for some young girl merely by using the crown and adding yarn stitching for decoration. The best part of an old fur coat beyond repair will make a rich carriage robe for a new baby. Pot-holders, dusting mitts, bath powder gloves, shoe bags are some of the items which can be salvaged from small scraps.

And, O yes! what could be more useful to a young bride than a home-made cook-book containing the home-maker's favorite recipes? Not only will such a book provide for tasty eating but it can also be expected to guide the young wife over some rough moments in the kitchen.

More than 70 per cent of our farm homes have radios.

MERRY ★CHRISTMAS★ FOLKS

A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community . . . the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

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Christmas '47

.. and may the spirit of this Day linger on, and on, and on.

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The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the water level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so that the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.

Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froschweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremoniously place their lantern on the altar of St. Sebastian.

Legend has it that when Christ was born and Satan died, the bells in the churches were rung. At exactly midnight the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Christ.

In the dark chambers high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwelt the Apostles of Peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great winter feasts of Christmas, so William Auld tells in his traditions.

Quaint Swiss Custom Of Meeting Lover

Forecasting is ritualized in Switzerland. Grandma goes to the cellar, selects the most perfect onion, halves it, and peels 12 layers, one for each month. The next day these layers show what the weather will be during the coming year.

The daughter of the house goes about town at midnight to drink from nine different fountains. Then she goes to church. She expects to meet her unknown lover on the church steps.

Lake Superior is the largest fresh water lake in the world.

Prevent Accidents And Save Lives Is State Slogan

"The only way to avoid the useless waste of life due to traffic accidents is to prevent the accident," reads a warning issued by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"It is not a question of who is right and who is wrong after the accident has occurred," he said, "And automobile accidents never happen merely because of 'bad luck'—there is a definite cause for every one of them, although it is not possible to determine the precise origin of every mishap.

"Leaders of the safety movement agree that the most fundamental approach to the solution lies in the education and training of the individual. Safety education includes the training of individuals to avoid accidents to themselves and to prevent accidents to others. It involves the acquisition of a certain fund of information, the ability to apply this information to concrete situations, and the building up of habits which will make the application of knowledge to situations automatic.

"The dangerous curves and intersections on the highways of Texas are distinctly marked, and automobile drivers can assist greatly in the reduction of deaths from automobile accidents by carefully observing these warning signs.

"Some motorists rely too much on traffic rules and regulations, thinking that if they obey the rules of the road at the time when an accident occurs, no blame can be attached to them. This is not true. The only man who considers himself blameless in case of accidents, when he was obeying the rules of the road, is the one who did everything possible to avoid that accident.

"The consequences of automobile accidents are so disastrous that only when we have done everything in our power to avoid such accidents can we consider ourselves, or expect others to consider us, blameless in the case of accident.

"When each individual does all that he is able to do toward avoiding an accident of any kind, then and then only will our traffic accidents be avoided."

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cleavinger, Jr., and daughters, Judy and Jane, will visit in Plainview, Christmas Day, in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hitchcock.

ALIAS

Now I know what became
of the Thief of Bagdad,
With his jokes and
his gay bravadio
He's changed his name to
the Thief of Bad Gags
And haunts me and
my radio.

If we can bring down those prices, Truman will bring down the house, too.

In agriculture the state of Indiana includes almost every staple crop; in mineral it produces coal, pig iron, petroleum, natural gas and many others. It also ranks high in the manufacturing and in its wholesale trade.

Labor day in the United States was first celebrated by the Knights of Labor in 1882. It was made a legal holiday by Congress in 1894.

Help Keep Canyon Clean!

Merry Christmas

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rattan and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hart and children, Charlene, Don and Carol, all of Amarillo will be in Canyon to visit Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hart.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White for Christmas will be Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. J. S. Murphy, and a sister, Mrs. Ben F. Thorpe, both of Snyder.

Alvah Doak and Wanda Muller of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Chambers of Amarillo were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. W. S. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Jarnagin and children will visit with his parents in Graham and with her parents in Abilene during the holidays.

Miss Helen White Moore and Miss Pauline Brigham will spend the holidays visiting in California.

Ross Russell, who is attending college in Pasadena, Calif., is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dowd visited with relatives in Amarillo Sunday.

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Christmastide is the one time in the year when we should all be as happy as a boy with a bright new sled. So let's light up our faces and our hearts when we light up our trees, and here's wishing for you and your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had.

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May the spirt
of the First Christmas
gladden your hearts
this
Christmas season.

Curtis Plumbing Company

Christmas Carols Play Important Part In Holiday Observances All Over World

AGAIN at this Yuletide season the strains of Christmas carols are floating into the hearts and homes of millions of people, carrying the spirit of Christmas. It is at this holiday season that the impulse to sing grips everyone, from the crooning infant to the oldest and most confirmed "monotone."

There are many kinds of carols, some for every mood and taste. Hymns or chants celebrating the Nativity have been sung since the earliest days of the Christian church. Some of the carols, like "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly," "Good King Wenceslas" and the wassailing songs, have no direct relation to the Nativity, yet they are fully expressive of various phases of the Christmas spirit.

Best loved and most frequently sung of the carols is "Silent Night." It was Christmas time in the hamlet of Obernsdorf, South Germany, in 1818 that this beautiful song was composed. A young priest, Father Josef Mohr, was returning from the bedside of a parishioner when he looked down upon the sleeping hamlet surrounded by snow. It lay there silent in the dark night, lighted only by the bright stars and a few glimmering candles. That first Christmas, he thought, must have been like this and there came to him these words:

"Silent Night, Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright . . ."

In his study he finished the verses, then took them to Franz Gruber, the organist, who caught the spirit of a hymn. "Silent Night" was sung for the first time in the little wooden church in Obernsdorf that Christmas Eve. Later a group of Austrian Tyrol mountain folksong singers introduced the carol to other parts of the world, including America. Published in 1840, it has been translated into almost every language and is a favorite throughout the world.

"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fideles" is another hymn of the ages which apparently is destined to live for centuries. It has been translated into 76 languages.

The words are sometimes ascribed to St. Bonaventura, bishop of Albano, in the thirteenth century. It is most commonly believed, however, that it was not written until the seventeenth or eighteenth century. The hymn often is called the Portuguese hymn because it was sung in the Portuguese chapel in London about 1785 to the tune now inseparable from it:

"Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
Oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem . . ."

An American song which carries the spirit of Christmas is the sweet and beautiful carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." The poem was written by Edmund H. Sears, a New England minister, in a religious journal. The music is by the American composer, Richard S. Willis, who was struck by the unusual beauty of the poem and "just set down the notes that fit the words":

"It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old . . ."

One of the most popular Yuletide hymns, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" follows the traditional carol style. The first two stanzas depict the angels hovering over the earth and singing their joyous song, the third brings words of comfort to the weary and the fourth prophesies the happy days when all the world shall join in the angel's song.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," another American contribution to the famous Christmas songs of the world, was written by Phillips Brooks, a Boston minister. On a trip to the Holy Land, Brooks stood on the starlit hills on Christmas Eve and looked down upon the little city of Bethlehem lying still and peaceful in the night. On the next Christmas, back in America, he wrote the song that was to become famous:

"O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie . . ."

Written for Sunday school singing, the song at first was anonymous but, when the hymn gained immediate favor, Brooks admitted authorship. Many musical settings of this beautiful poem have been made, the two most commonly used being by the English composer, Joseph Barnby, and the American composer, Louis H. Redner.

Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist denomination, shares with Isaac Watts the honor of being the greatest producer of hymns. His "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," first published in 1739, is among the most popular Christmas carols although it has undergone many changes.

"Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King . . ."

The music is by that distinguished composer, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and hence was written long after Wesley died.

Watts' principal contribution to the world's holiday joy is the carol, "Joy to the World." The tune, "Antioch," is an adaptation of Handel's oratorio, "Messiah."

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King . . ."

Watts, too, was a minister. While officiating as pastor of Market Lane church in England his health failed although he was still a young man. He turned to writing verse and became a great poet.

"The First Noel," meaning the first Christmas, is one of the oldest songs about the coming of Christ. One of the ancient medieval carols, it probably is about 400 years old. The poetry is crude, merely a peasant's attempt to present the New Testament story in rhyme (thus making it easy to remember) but thoroughly sincere and devout. The music likewise is simple, being practically one little strain sung three times, but it is vigorous, joyous, fresh and virile.

"The first Noel the Angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay . . ."

Caroling or wassailing is an old English custom. The original words of this traditional English Christmas song began "Here we come a-wassailing" and continued in the chorus, "Love and joy come to you, and to your wassail too."

The old song commonly was sung by groups of revelers, particularly young women, who went about offering a hot drink, a merry song and a pretty curtsey in exchange for a small gift. The word "wassail" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "Waeshael," meaning "Be in health."

And, of course, Merry Christmas would be less merry to both children and adults without that little jingle, "Jingle Bells," to jingle all the way through the Yuletide season with its mythical one-horse sleigh—which in most parts of America belongs to another day. But, sans the sleigh bells and the sleigh, who is there, child or adult, who does not love that gay and rollicking Christmas ditty to which dear old Santa claus comes skimming into town or to isolated country homes behind his eight reindeer.

Noel Wishbone

A traditional good luck piece, chicken wishbones make an attractive addition to the Christmas present. Wash them dry and then paint them any color you like. Fasten one to the top of every Christmas gift to add an extra note of sentiment when wrapping packages for yuletide giving.

Bayberry Candles

Candles, placed in windows on Christmas Eve to light the Christ Child and to welcome wayfarers, have been popular for centuries, but the burning of Bayberry candles is a strictly North American custom which dates from colonial days. Though associated particularly with New England, these aromatic candles glow in windows from coast to coast.

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ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

Merry Christmas to each and every one

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The man was Charles Dickens; his character was Tiny Tim. And in the words of Tiny Tim, oft-repeated, we'd like to say:

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS, GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE"

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● At Christmastime we greet good friends. If 'neath our roof you've rested, come again and be refreshed. If you have never crossed our threshold, visit us in the months ahead. To one and all we say,

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Christmas Has Its Humor Now

One of the most charming Yuletide chucklers concerns the pig-tailed youngster who found a pin-cushion among her other gifts on Christmas morning. The little girl then placed this note near the fireplace: "Dear Santa: Thank you very much for your presents. And I always wanted a pin-cushion, although not very much."

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Another classic of the season is the one about the woman who stopped to chat with a friend after the Yuletide services, leaving her purse in her pew. When she returned for her purse, she discovered it was gone. However, she quickly found it in the possession of the clergyman.

"I thought I had better hold it," he explained. "There are some in the congregation who don't believe in Santa Claus, but they might consider this purse an answer to their prayers."

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A 10-year-old boy, making his first visit at Sunday school during the pre-Christmas season, was held spellbound by the teacher's recital of Biblical stories about the Holy Day and the spiritual meaning of Christmas. Later he was asked to fill out the school's standard questionnaire for new pupils. One of the queries was: "Who will always know where you are?"

The little boy answered it by writing simply: "God."

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Invariably revived at the Yuletide season is the yarn about the Scotsman who slipped and fell while carrying a bottle of Christmas spirits. On rising he felt something wet running down his leg.

He said to himself: "I hope it's blood."

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Almost overcome with joy on Christmas Day when she received two gifts she had most ardently desired—a wrist-watch and a bottle of perfume — little Margaret chattered about the new possessions all day long, wearying her mother of the subject. Guests were expected for dinner and her mother gently admonished Margaret in advance, saying, "Now, dear, everybody knows about your presents and everybody is happy for you. But now we mustn't go on talking about them all the time."

The little girl held her peace at the table throughout the greater part of the meal. A lull occurred in the conversation and, unable to restrain herself, Margaret burst forth, "If anyone hears anything or smells anything, it's me!"

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A department store Santa Claus listened to a long recital of requests by a tot, assuring her he would do his best to meet her requirements. Before she left, Santa handed her a bright red apple. "What do you want Santa to do now?" her mother asked.

The moppet promptly snapped: "Peel it!"

The silent skies are full of speech
  For who hath ears to hear;
The winds are whispering each to each,
  The moon is calling to the beach,
And stars their sacred wisdom teach
  Of Faith, and Love, and Fear.

But once the sky its silence broke
  And song o'erflowed the earth,
The midnight air with glory shook
  And Angels mortal language spoke,
When God our human nature took
  In Christ the Saviour's birth.

And Christmas once is Christmas still;
  The gates through which He came,
And forest wild and murmuring rill,
  And fruitful field and breezy hill,
And all that else the wide world fill
  Are vocal with His Name.

Shall we not listen while they sing
  This latest Christmas morn,
And music hear in everything,
  And faithful lives in tribute bring
To the great song which greets the King
  Who comes when Christ is born?

—Phillips Brooks

Serbian Christmas Falls in January

The Serbian Christmas is rich in its symbolism of Our Lord's birth in Bethlehem. It is celebrated on January 7 in accordance with Julian calendar, established in 46 B. C. and used when Christ was born.

The head of the family brings a small Christmas tree into the house and burns part of it. The sparks signify how the shepherds came into the manger to see the Christ child and warm themselves. In Europe, the Serbs place the unburned part of the tree into the barn or stable to signify fruitfulness.

In another custom, the father leads the family into the house, and they scatter straw over the floor to signify the warmth of the stable.

A small lake or fish pond is a valuable asset to any farm.

The bringing in of the yule log originated in England during medieval times. The log was dragged into the great hall at the beginning of the Christmas feast and was the occasion of the rendering of the Christmas toast, which is, in part: "This yule log burns. It destroys old hatreds and misunderstandings. Let your envies vanish, and let the spirit of good fellowship reign supreme for this season and through all the year."

The yule log represents "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Children's Gifts For Christmas

THERE'S more to buying toys than merely getting something for a youngster to play with.

Home management specialists emphasize five points worth remembering in purchasing playthings for children:

1. Safety. Keeping the age of the child in mind, youngsters should not be given a sharp knife, chemistry set, air rifle or a tool kit until they are old enough to handle them with care. Electric train equipment should be kept in good repair to prevent shock or burn. Infants

should be guarded against whistles with removable mouthpieces, stuffed animals with pin or button eyes, wheels and strings not securely fastened, and small nailing.

2. Cleanliness. Toys should lend themselves to being cleaned without damage.

3. Construction. Well made toys are capable of much wear and tear, with fragile playthings encouraging destructiveness in a child.

4. Versatility. A toy that offers many imaginative uses will intrigue a child longer. Blocks of various shapes and sizes have more construction possibilities than the usual sets.

5. Variety. Toys of different sizes, shapes, textures and colors develop different muscles and different kinds of interests.

Too many toys, like no toys at all, are a mistake. The child is distracted by the variety and not given the opportunity to develop the potentialities of the toys he has. It must also be appreciated that the price of a toy does not determine its real value since a cheap plaything may provide a youngster with as much enjoyment as a more expensive one.

Merry Christmas

Bohemian. Vesele Vanoce.
Czech: Stansi Vanoce.
Dutch: Gelukkig Kerstmis.
Finnish: Hauskaa Joula.
French: Joyeux Noel!
German: Frohliche Weinnachten.
Greek: Kala Christougenna.
Italian: Buon Natale.
Norwegian: Glaedelig Jul.
Polish: Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia.
Romanian: La multiani ou Sanctate.
Russian: Dudushka Moroz.
Spanish: Felices Pascuas.
Swedish: God Jul.
Chinese: Hsi lo Yeh so chiang sheng jih!

traditional Irish carol

There were three wise men from
  afar
Directed by a glorious star,
And on they wandered night and day
Until they came where Jesus lay.
And when they came unto that place
Where our beloved Messiah was
They humbly cast them at his feet
With gifts of gold and incense sweet.

Rhode Island's chief industries are weaving and manufacturing.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS on the air, and the good old Christmas spirit in evidence on every hand! We are happy to extend once more our sincere good wishes for a joyous Yuletide.

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AT CHRISTMAS TIME

more than at any other season, people feel friendly. It's in the very air. In this spirit, then, we offer you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

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A·MERRY·CHRISTMAS

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Ornament Making A Cottage Industry

Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas mas trees used to come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. A small number were made in Japan. When the war cut off these supplies, American glass manufacturers, who had never bothered with these products before, turned part of their facilities over to making the pretty gewgaws. Mechanical methods were soon developed that could blow as many ornaments in an hour as a European glassblower could make in a month. Thus modern efficiency may doom this picturesque little industry, carried on in the mountainous towns of eastern Europe.

Ornament making is a typical "cottage industry" in the little villages that cling to the steep mountainsides. Families specialize in certain shapes and designs, patterns that may date back for hundreds of years unchanged. The father, using a bunsen burner, carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son acting as mold boy, removes the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and finally the daughter applies paint and perhaps decorative designs.

Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.

An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.

This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch come to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage, the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.

Our Most Famous Christmas Trees

Most famous of the nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. Developed as a result of a hobby which occupied much of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's spare time, the groves of Yule trees now are scattered on odd patches and parcels of land throughout the estate.

The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also included.

Although the tree growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.

Vishinsky is attempting to root out Democracy with his noes.

Word of Death Is Received Here

Word was received here last week of the death of Mrs. A. F. Chamberlain, who died Dec. 9, in California. She was the mother of Mrs. William Robinson, formerly of this city.

The husband, A. F. Chamberlain, died in 1934, with interment in Dreamland Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Newman and daughters, Judy and Jan, and a nephew, Paul Hayes, left Friday to go to San Diego, Calif., where they will spend the holidays visiting in the homes of Mrs. Hazel Hayes and Mrs. Jessie Mae Clarke sisters of Mrs. Newman. Paul is the son of Mrs. Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lockhart of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eugene Thompson of Austin will visit during the holidays in the parental T. V. Slack home. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will also visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thompson.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Worth A. Jennings, Sr., Christmas Day will include, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hagood and family of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Vester Hill and family of Spearman; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Phillips and son of Hale County, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jennings and children of Lorenzo.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood of Mexia are in Canyon to visit during the holidays in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Downing. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are former residents of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Smith of Aspermont will arrive this week for a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sherrod.

Bradford Black arrived last week to visit during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Black, and with other relatives and friends here. Bradford is a student at the Baylor Dental College, Dallas.

Mrs. S. L. Ingham will be in Amarillo Christmas Day to visit in the home of her son, Dr. George Ingham. Also guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Millard Word of Ashtola.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Foster and Sally will be her mother, Mrs. J. A. Brewer of Childress, and her sister, Miss Marcelle Brewer of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jones of Childress are guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moreman for Christmas.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HARDEN & HEATH

Highway 87 South To Be Resurfaced By State Department

Austin: On Wednesday, the State Highway Commission ordered 16.6 miles of improvement on U. S. 87 from Canyon to the Swisher County Line. This project will consist of resurfacing and addition of base material and is estimated to cost $234,000.

The work will be financed with state funds which the Commission has been holding in reserve since the construction holiday during the war years.

State Highway Commision Chairman John S. Redditt explained the Randall County construction was part of a general statewide move to modernize and rehabilitate 1,456 miles of state roads.

"We have ordered jobs estimated to cost $6,330,500 to protect our investment in present roads and to give greater comfort and convenience to the people using them," Redditt said.

The projects ordered Wednesday cover all areas of the State. They include reshaping and widening many narrow "razor back" roads, new surfaces for asphalt pavements, widening bridges, building stable shoulders, eliminating sharp curves, and other work to improve a great many of the highway system's bad sections.

The work will be done in the Spring and Summer months of 1948 when the next construction season brings favorable weather conditions.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mrs. Harvey Cash will be her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cash, and their son, Berryman of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Lass, Frances and Dorothy of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dodgen, Carolyn, Allen and Donald of Shamrock, and Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cowart and Lillian Ruth of Hereford. Mrs. Laas, Mrs. Dodgen and Mrs. Cowart are daughters of Mrs. Cash.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. C. Middleton during the holidays will be Miss Mildred Middleton and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thompson and sons, Jerry and Terry, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Black and children of Mangum, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Middleton and children of Happy.

Miss Bessie Young left last week to go to Kansas City for a visit before returning to her home in Canadian. She has been a guest here in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brillhart went to Perryton to spend the holidays visiting with relatives.

Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck,"

who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good.

The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night—when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruiciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.

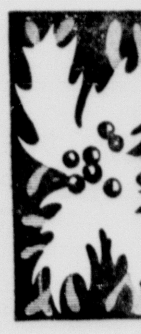
The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buene, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly:

Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion.



It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year.

For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care

To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection institute issues these precautionary tips:

—Use a flame-proof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations.

—Use materials marked flameproof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable.

—Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets.

—Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around.

—Never unwrap gifts near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.

Speaking of corn conservation, we could do with less radio serial.

SUE HITE MEMBERS ARE GUESTS OF BOOK CLUB

Fifty-two club members and guests spent a most enjoyable afternoon last Wednesday when the Women's Book Club entertained the Sue Hite Club with a Christmas program and party at Cousins Hall. Arrangements of pyracantha, evergreens and candles in the reception rooms made a perfect setting for the huge Christmas tree and the program which was arranged by Mrs. Lee Foster and Mrs. Ray Campbell.

After Mrs. Neblett, the club president, had welcomed the guests, Mrs. Foster presented the A Cappella Choir of Canyon High School under the direction of M. D. Shepherd. The choir sang several numbers, the Hallelujah Chorus, deserving special mention. Mrs. Campbell introduced Miss Grace Erdman who told a delightful Christmas story of her own composition. After the singing of Christmas carols by the group, a social hour was enjoyed.

The tea table was centered with an arrangement of red carnations, holly and red balls in a low bowl with lighted red candles in hurricane lamps burning at either end. Mrs. S. L. Ingham presided at the silver coffee service, and nuts, mints and individual cake squares iced in white and topped with red Christmas bells completed the refreshment plate.

MRS. ROBERT JARRETT IS HOSTESS ON TUESDAY

Mrs. Robert Jarrett was hostess when she entertained the Presbyterian Guild in her home Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. J. D. Barker led the group in singing Christmas carols to open the program.

Mrs. R. A. Neblett read the scripture, relating the Christmas Story, and Mrs. B. E. Bollman told of the observation of Christmas in the Philippines.

Fourteen members were present for the program.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duke and daughter, Jimmie Jo, of Caprock, N. M., were recent guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Winstead.

Jack Neil Jennings, who has been a patient in the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo, has returned home.

Christmas joy to all

TALLYHO!

Due to a shortage of reindeer this season we send you our Christmas Greetings in this conventional way!

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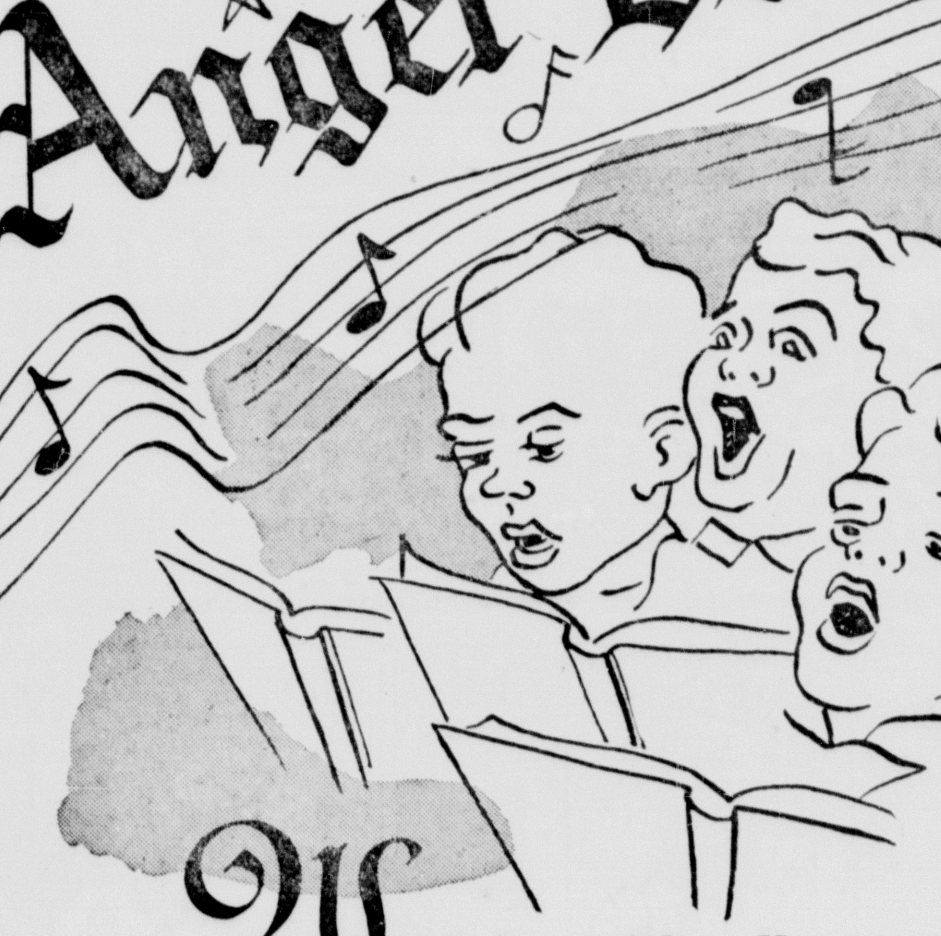

We join with all your other friends of this community to extend to you a very sincere wish that this Yuletide season may enrich your life with its spirit of friendliness and beauty.

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There's a mother's deep prayer,
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire
While the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem
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A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

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News In Canyon 25 Years Ago

(Taken from the files of the Randall County News of December 21, 1922)

Christmas programs will be held in all of the churches of Canyon with appropriate Christmas trees.

Herschel Coffee underwent an operation for appendicitis at an Amarillo hospital.

The local Methodist Church has raised $24,000 toward its $50,000 goal for a new brick building. The Church Extension will match $30,000 donations of the local congregation.

The Baptist congregation has appointed a building committee composed of Rev. D. F. Fronabarger, Dr. J. A. Hill, J. S. Humphreys, B. T. Johnson and S. B. McClure. Plans are being made for a new brick building.

The temperature dropped to 11 degrees above zero.

Plans for the new high school building are going checked by the Board of Trustees.

B. M. Key, father of J. D. Key, died at the family home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Long and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Long of New York will visit during the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Long. They will all go to Clarendon for Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cox and daughters, Janice and Joy Lynn, are in Corpus Christi to visit with relatives this week.

Mrs. Robert McMonigal and baby son of Happy were in Canyon Wednesday.

Parent-Teacher Hears Speaker at December Program

"Keynotes to World Peace" was the subject chosen by Dr. James Russell of West Texas State College, in his talk to the Canyon Parent-Teacher Association last Thursday in the grade school library. Especially stressed were intolerance, Christianity and racial difference.

In keeping with the holiday season, a group of Christmas carols was sung by the grade school children. Under the direction of Mrs. Virgil Martin, the first, second and third grade sang "Silent Night," "Away in a Manger," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Up on the Housetop."

The fourth, fifth, and sixth grades sang "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Deck the Halls," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "O Come All Ye Faithful." The audience joined in singing "Joy to the World," and "Jingle Bells."

Adding a festive note were the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, evergreens, poinsettias and Christmas scenes featured throughout the library.

Mrs. Dan Sanders gave a very interesting report of the State Convention held at Galveston, Nov. 19, 20, and 21.

Attendance prizes were won by Mrs. Collins' first grade and the Senior Class, sponsored by Lloyd Devin.

Take a Drive Over Canyon and See the Decorations

In spite of the fact that there are few outside Christmas lights this year, Canyon is beautiful at night.

All citizens are urged to take a drive around town and see the Christmas tree lights in the windows. In a large part of the homes, beautiful lights are shown on the trees, which add much to the attractiveness of Canyon at night.

The street lighting in the business section, together with attractive store windows add much to the beauty of Canyon at night.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Morris will have as visitors in their home this week their sons, David and Neel Morris. David is enrolled as a student in Baylor University, Waco, and Neel is from Lancaster, Calif.

Miss Anna Bell Cox of Pampa is in Canyon this week to visit with friends and relatives. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Cox.

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Buffs Take Two More Games in Border Group

The Buffalo Basketball team annexed another Border Conference game Wednesday night at Burton gym, defeating New Mexico Aggies by a score of 59 to 49. The game was harder fought than the one on Tuesday night when the Buffs defeated New Mexico University by a score of 69-54.

The Buffs whipped Hardin College of Wichita Falls Friday night by a close score of 51-48. This brought six victories for the Buffs in eight games. The only losses were sustained while the Buffs were on their trip to the middle west.

The Buffs will compete in the Los Angeles National Collegiate tournament Dec. 26-39.

Border Conference competition will be resumed Jan. 6 when the Buffs meet Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, and the University of Arizona in Canyon on Jan. 8.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Campfield will be their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bonds of Happy, and their daughter, Miss Avis Campfield, Teacher in the Hot Springs, N. M. schools.

W. Holmes Smith Resigned Place Amarillo College

W. Holmes Smith has resigned his position on the faculty of the Amarillo College to begin work on his Ph. D. Degree in UCLA, Los Angeles. He expects to be in the University for two years.

Mr. Smith resigned last year from the faculty of West Texas State to accept his position in Amarillo, which he ended Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Greiner of Cleveland, Okla., will visit this week in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Greiner and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Pierce and daughter, Alice, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pierce are spending the holidays in Sonoita, Ariz., at the home of Mrs. Ed Le Grende, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pierce and sister of Felix.

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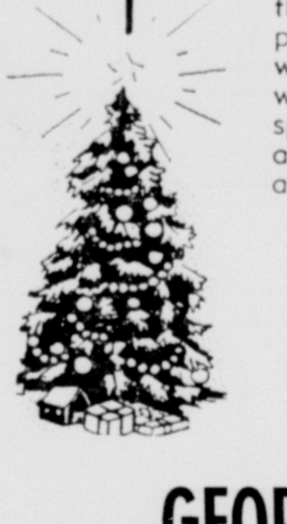

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Mrs. Cecil Briggs Winner First In Decorations

The Christmas lighting contest closed Sunday night when judges awarded the following places:

Mrs. Cecil Briggs, first.
Mrs. W. R. Crow, second
Elaine and Jimmie Cundiff, third.
Mrs. Glenn Truax, fourth.

Delbert Lowes expressed great satisfaction at the result of the decoration contest for 1947, and thanked all citizens who have decorated their homes during the holiday period.

Hundreds of cars have been driving over Canyon in order to view the beautiful decorations which have been put up for the holiday season. Those who have not seen the decorations are urged to take a drive over Canyon before Christmas.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB IS ENTERTAINED WITH DINNER

For their annual Christmas dinner members of the Business Women's Club met in the home of Miss Irene Angel Friday evening, December 19.

The spacious living room was beautifully decorated with Christmas candles, pine, lemon leaves, fall berries, and Christmas figurines. A lighted Christmas tree stood in the alcove.

Foursome tables were laid with white linen and centered with red Christmas tree candles. Place cards were snow men, and place favors were holly and Christmas bell corsages. Dinner was served by candle light.

After eating the colorful fruit cocktail, guests passed by tables to the dining room where they were served a delicious turkey dinner buffet style. The dining table was centered with a white Shristmas tree trimmed with blue and flanked by tall blue tapers. The buffet was adorned with an interesting arrangement of greenery, berries, and silver ornaments. Blue candles in hurricane lamps completed the buffet decorations.

Dessert consisted of individual fruit cake, with whipped cream and cherries.

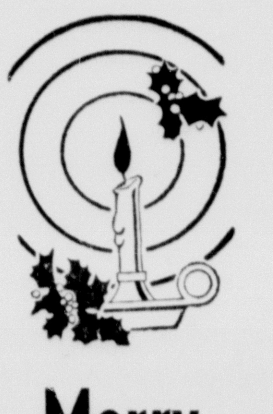
At the conclusion of the dinner, bridge was played for several games; then Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Those attending were Mrs. Irene Ball, Dr. Leta Boswell, Mrs. Irene Beard, Mrs. Faye Cannedy, Mrs. Ermyle Cooper, Mrs. Avis Flesher, Mrs. Evelyn Frieze, Mrs. Freda Moore, Mrs. Irene Parker, Mrs. Opal Parsons, Mrs. Bruce McIntire, Mrs. Berl Mayfield, Mrs. L. Angel, Mrs. Tommie Pierce, Miss Lou Ella Patterson, Mrs. Irene Shepherd, Miss Mayme Shaver, Mrs. Myrtle Walker, and the hostesses, Mrs. Jewel Tabor and Miss Irene Angel.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hill will be their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lenore Hill and children of Borger, and Mrs. John E. Hill of Amarillo. Dr. and Mrs. Hill will leave that afternoon to visit in the home of their son, Davis Hill, in Galveston, and with Mrs. J. W. Shanklin and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jenkins in Houston.

Mrs. Stella Murrell left Saturday to spend the holidays in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Busch, and their little daughter in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hodges and children will spend Christmas visiting with relatives in Canadian.



Merry Christmas!

Our holiday wish for you is that the joyous light of Christmas will continue to gladden your heart throughout the year.

The Flower Mart

MRS. J. J. WALKER IS 1925 BRIDGE HOSTESS

Annual Christmas party for the 1925 Bridge Club was held in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. J. J. Walker, Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree with Mrs. Hud Prichard acting as Santa Claus.

A dessert course and coffee were served from the attractive dining table by Mrs. Prichard and Mrs. J. Madison Daugherty.

Guests were: Mrs. J. L. Duflot, Mrs. Prichard, Mrs. Daugherty, Mrs. Herschel Coffee, Mrs. Glenn Dowlen, Mrs. Frank Phillips, Mrs. J. D. Barker, and Mrs. Gordon Lyons. Mrs. A. K. Knott called at the tea hour.

Bank Will Close at Noon Wednesday For Christmas

The First National Bank will close at noon Wednesday for the Christmas holiday.

Citizens should do their banking business Wednesday morning and secure needed change for the afternoon's business.

Community Chorus Initial Program Is Well Attended

First appearance of the Canyon Community Chorus was received by a large and appreciative audience Thursday evening when a varied program of Christmas songs was presented in the First Baptist Church. The chorus, composed of eighty voices from the various church choirs and school vocal organizations, was directed by Glenn A. Truax, a member of the West Texas State music faculty.

Opening number was an organ and piano duet, "Christmas Eve Memories," played by Mrs. Lee Fostor, organist, and Mrs. Newton Harrell, pianist. The chimes, which were recently installed in the church, were played for the first time on this occasion.

Bill Hutchinson, student at West Texas State, was featured as baritone soloist in the choir's first selection, "Gesu Bambino," by Pietro Yon. Following a group of Christmas carols from various countries, the "Shepherd's Story," by Dickerson was sung with Miss Thelma Mercer, soprano, Olin Huff, tenor and Crannell Tolliver, bass, as soloists.

The audience joined in singing the familiar carols, and was also asked to sing the final number, the "Hallelujah Chorus," from the Messiah, by Handel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hough and son, Bill, of Syracuse, N. Y., arrived Saturday for a visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Wirt and with other relatives here. Mrs. Hough is the former Miss Mary Katherine Wirt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hefner of Mosquero, N. M. will arrive in Canyon this week to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mickle and other relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Ray Crowder of Clovis, N. M., will visit during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Wester. They will go to Amarillo to be with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wester for Christmas Day dinner.

W. C. Black was a business caller in Dallas Monday of last week, returning to Canyon with his son, Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Simons and sons are visiting in Stratford in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen, this week.

Committees Named For Agricultural Program for 1948

Elections of committeemen to administer the Agricultural Conservation Program in Randall county for 1948 were completed last Thursday, December 18.

Official delegates from each of the seven communities met in the county office to elect the County Committee and two alternates.

Delegates to the county committee election meeting had previously been chosen in the various community election meetings held on Friday, December 12.

The county committee selected for 1948 follows: R. B. Gist, chairman; John Bedenk, vice-chairman; C. B. Erwin, member; Raymond Batenhorst, first alternate, and Forrest Gruner, second alternate.

The following men were elected to serve in the various communities, with the first named in each case being the chairman with the vice-chairman and third member listed in the order named. Additional names in each case are alternates.

Canyon Community: Clem Dugan, J. W. Spencer, John Albers, Chas. V. Conatser and C. H. Lowe; Sunny Hill-Fairview: A. E. Wise, M. L. Davis, S. L. Robinson, Glenn W. Dowlen and E. W. Miller; Jowell: O. M. Scott, John L. Hammond, T. C. Gooch, Earl J. Davis and J. H. Barrett; Umbarger: Raymond Batenhorst, Anton Handing, Chas. J. Beckman, Ben Koch and Joe Frank; Highland: Carl B. Fuqua, L. E. Mason, Raymon Kimball, E. E. Sharp and Leo Zimmerer; Trigg-Zita: Forrest Gruner, Emil Olson, Leland Graves, H. W. Burrus and J. V. Williams; Burch-Stone: Freeman L. Keeter, Lynn B. Bennett and Floyd J. Thomas.

Midnight of Dec. 31 Is Deadline on Bargain Rates

Subscribers to daily newspapers have only until midnight, December 31 in which to take advantage of the low holiday rates which are being offered on renewals of subscriptions.

The Canyon News represents all daily newspapers and will handle your renewals.

A limited number of new subscriptions will be accepted for the Amarillo News. The rate on both the Canyon and Amarillo News is $12.45 per year. On January 1st the rate will be resumed at $13.50 per year for both papers.

It doesn't make any difference when your subscription expires— Bargain Rates may be taken now, and your subscription will be extended from the expiration date.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Miller and daughters, Sandra and Peggy, and Billie Brice of Plainview will visit with Mrs. Elzie Price and other relatives and friends in this city during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Si Marchbanks will visit during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Madison Daugherty. Mr. Marchbanks is enrolled as a student at Texas A. & M. College, College Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Haynes of Santa Fe, N. M., and W. R. Haynes of Bard, N. M., are in Canyon to visit for Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Higdon and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McDonald and children will visit during the holidays with Mrs. McDonald's mother, Mrs. C. E. Davidson, Sr., in Ozona.

Our Christmas Carol

Here's to you. May Christmas cheer . . . Warm your life throughout the year . . . And the bliss of this Yuletide . . . Ever in your house abide.

Graham's Grocery

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take pleasure in offering you the compliments of the season and truly hope you have a very happy holiday.

BRITAIN'S STUDIO

THE PERFECT PICTURE

Peace at Christmastime

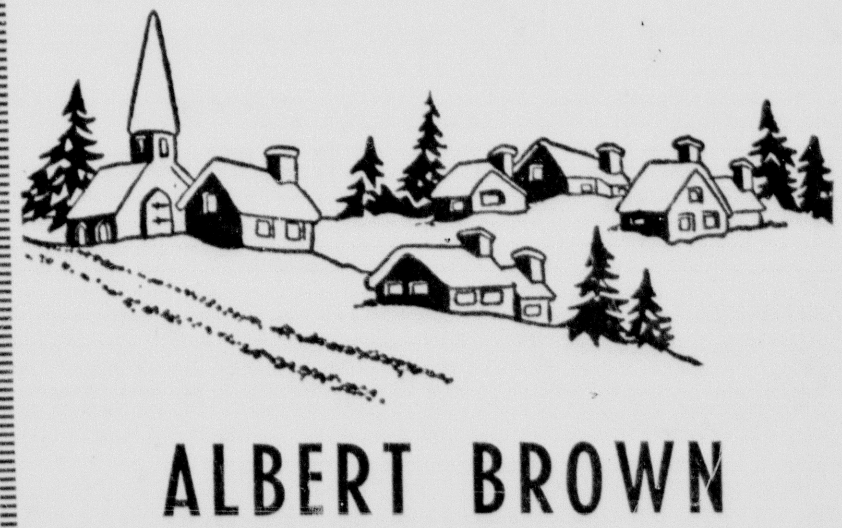
MAY IT BE FOREVER

R. E. BALL
Conoco Products

ONCE AGAIN
IT'S CHRISTMAS

May it bring you Peace and Happiness Throughout the New Year

Please accept our thanks for the kindnesses you have extended us in the past. We trust we may continue to merit your consideration in the future.



ALBERT BROWN
Milk Route

Editorials

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Years ago when the brilliant Dana guided the destinies of the New York Sun, he received the following note from eight-year-old Virginia O'Halon:

Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in the Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

The following editorial reply appeared in the Sun the next day:

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to the little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then; no poetry; no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimney on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor man can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not. But that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You can tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view the picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

CHMRISTMAS—THEN AND NOW

"Emma, with your long hair—keep away from that Christmas tree!" And Emma, of the long curls and last summer's fluffy dress, stood back, for once, while a helpful male lighted the candles of the Christmas tree.

Yesterday's Christmas was a personal and not a civic affair. It didn't mean a Santa Claus parade, or a Community Christmas tree or a dozen different Santas in the stores. Christmas was an all-embracing family occasion, and a warm home was the stage where each assumed his favorite role.

Mamma fixed the turkey. Papa hitched Duke to the "buggy" and went into the country with the boys for mistletoe. Aunts made candy openly, and dolls clothes secretly, while Uncles worked late in tool sheds.

Unfortunately there was often an unhappy aftermath to the gaiety of the holiday time. Those lovely little candles among green fir branches always caused damage in someone's home. Between Christmas and New Year's the local papers carried the stories. And it wasn't always just the hand-made Battenburg curtains in the parlor which went up in flames.

Even with the electric Christmas tree light of today, many fire hazards must be recognized during the holidays. Many more persons smoke than in earlier days. Gorgeous cellophane and tissue paper wrappings are unbelievably inflammable. Fireplaces and wastebaskets quickly fill with the residue of the holidays—papers, cigarette stubs, string, and dried bits of pine or holly. So, be careful this Christmas time. The old danger of candles is largely over but new fire dangers can make the Holiday Season a time of tragedy.

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FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

The first Christmas card was printed in lithography, colored by hand in 1846 by Joseph Cudnall, a London artist.

The Christmas card came from the English custom of calling "Merry Christmas," then later of writing congratulatory letters.

The early Christian converts transferred the old pagan rite and ceremonies into their Christmas festivities.

The hanging up of mistletoe and the burning of the Yule log are two of the most ancient customs which come from our pagan ancestors.

There are Scandinavian, French and ancient Egyptian legends which claim to have given the Christmas tree to the world.

The first authentic mention of a Christmas tree is the one in Strasburg, Germany, 1605.

In a Scandinavian myth on certain nights there were flaming lights in a tree which the wind could not extinguish. From this came the idea of candles to light the Christmas tree.

Christmas cakes, iced cookies and other goodies are survivals of the old custom of giving confectionery gifts to the Senators of Rome.

The giving of gifts to the poor originated with the belief that the Christ Child sometimes came to the door as a beggar.

Santa Claus came to America from Holland and the hanging up of stockings developed from placing the wooden shoes upon the hearth. There is also an Italian practice where the fairy Bafana fills the stockings of the good children with gifts and the naughty children receive only ashes.

The pagan custom of exchanging gifts on New Year's day was transferred to our Christmas.

The singing of Christmas carols originated in England. According to tradition, this is the chorus of the very first: "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men."

The Christmas wreath represents the crown of thorns, and the berries the drops of blood.

After all, nothing beats "MERRY CHRISTMAS," when it comes from the heart.

The first American made rifles were manufactured in Pennsylvania in 1834. Like the axe and the plow the other two tools with which this country was won, rifles were made by local smiths out of local iron.

West Virginia is America's greatest bituminous coal producing state.

This Merry Christmas is to you.
There is no wish we can give more true than this jolly old fellow is now bringing to you.

Cheatham's Furnishings

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DECEMBER

24—Treaty of Ghent signed 1814, ending War of 1812.

25—Christmas.

26—Washington crosses Delaware, 1776.

27—Battle of Trenton, 1776.

28—Iowa admitted to Union, 1846.

29—Texas admitted to Union, 1845.

30—Gadsden treaty approved, 1853.

31—Colonial armies defeated at Quebec, 1775.

WNU Service

American defense authorities are suggesting that United States oil companies operating in the Middle East place their proposed new refineries outside the production area. The suggestion is made for security reasons. Defense experts feel it unwise to construct completely integrated oil industries, from well to refinery, so close to the Russian border.

Reluctantly, I have been driven to the conclusion that the Soviet Government foresees within a few years a situation in which it can win an atomic war. We may therefore expect its policy, if the West permits, to be one of temporizing until that time comes, while refusing steadfastly to agree to any plan which would make an atomic war impossible. — Bertrand Russell, British philosopher.

It is an absurdity to contend that every farmer who insures his crops knows what is in the Federal Register. If he were to peruse this voluminous and dull publication to make sure that anything has been published affecting his rights, he would need no crop insurance; for he would never get any time to plant any crops.—Associate Justice R. H. Jackson.

Modern fashion is guilty of several major offenses. Take the ultra-long, red-painted fingernail. The fad for silly talons impairs the finger-use of half the women of the land, making it impossible for them to sew on buttons, others to type and still others to move chairs or wash dishes.—Philip Wylie, author.

Communism or no communism, menace or no menace, it is our simple duty as neighbors to take a generous part in helping these great peoples to help themselves.—Ex-Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson on aid to Europe.

Every actor uses tricks. Why pretend otherwise? One good one is to look at every pretty girl speculatively. Heck, the audience will anyway. They'd think something was wrong with the actor if he didn't.—Barry Sullivan, movie actor.

Let me make it plain I am neither a Republican, a Democrat, a Socialist, a Communist or a Prohibitionist. —Walter P. Reuther, president, CIO United Automobile Workers.

Now I would say that the report that the Russians have exploded a small, sample-size atomic bomb in a test sounds like somebody is having a pipe dream.—Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, foremost atomic bomb authority.

Like the Fabulous conversation between Alice and the Red Queen, programs for the prevention of crime proceed from absurdity to absurdity with a planelessness that would not be tolerated in any business or government enterprise.—Edwin J. Lucas, executive director, Society for the Prevention of Crime.

The thing you have to be careful of is that some day a fine-voiced, good-looking demagogue doesn't get control of the air and do what Alcibiades did to Greece.—President Truman, to National Association of Radio News Editors.

The atomic blasts in Japan showed the sex cells of men were destroyed, while those of women were only slightly affected.—Col. Elbert De Coursey, Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

You can send a message around the world in one-seventh of a second, yet it may take years to force an idea through one-fourth inch of human skull.—Charles F. Kettering of General Motors Co.

Frankly, I'm not much of a radio fan. Maybe it's because I know what goes on backstage.—Jack Benny, radio star.

Increasing popular interest in phonograph recordings, especially symphonic records, is raising the level of music culture in this country.—David Hill, music librarian.

Goodwill was never as easy to buy as today.—E. A. Barit, president, Hudson Motor Car Co.

The chief industries of the state of Oregon include fruit growing, fishing and agriculture. Its lumber industry is important; its salmon industry is very large. It also produces hops in large quantities.

Pennsylvania leads the list of mineral producing states of this country in income from that source.

If we could—
we would say "Merry Christmas" to each of you personally. Since we can't, the next best thing is to put our greetings in print.

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Phone 22136 Box 1132

Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

BYARS - OLIVER IMPLEMENT CO.

Santa is at the throttle and good fellowship has the right of way. Full speed ahead for the

Merriest Christmas
of them all!

Times have changed since we started business in this community many years ago, and we have seen a great many changes. But one thing always remains the same. We continue to serve in the best possible manner the very best people it is possible to serve. We could ask for no finer list of customers, no better group of friends.

And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned merry Christmas!

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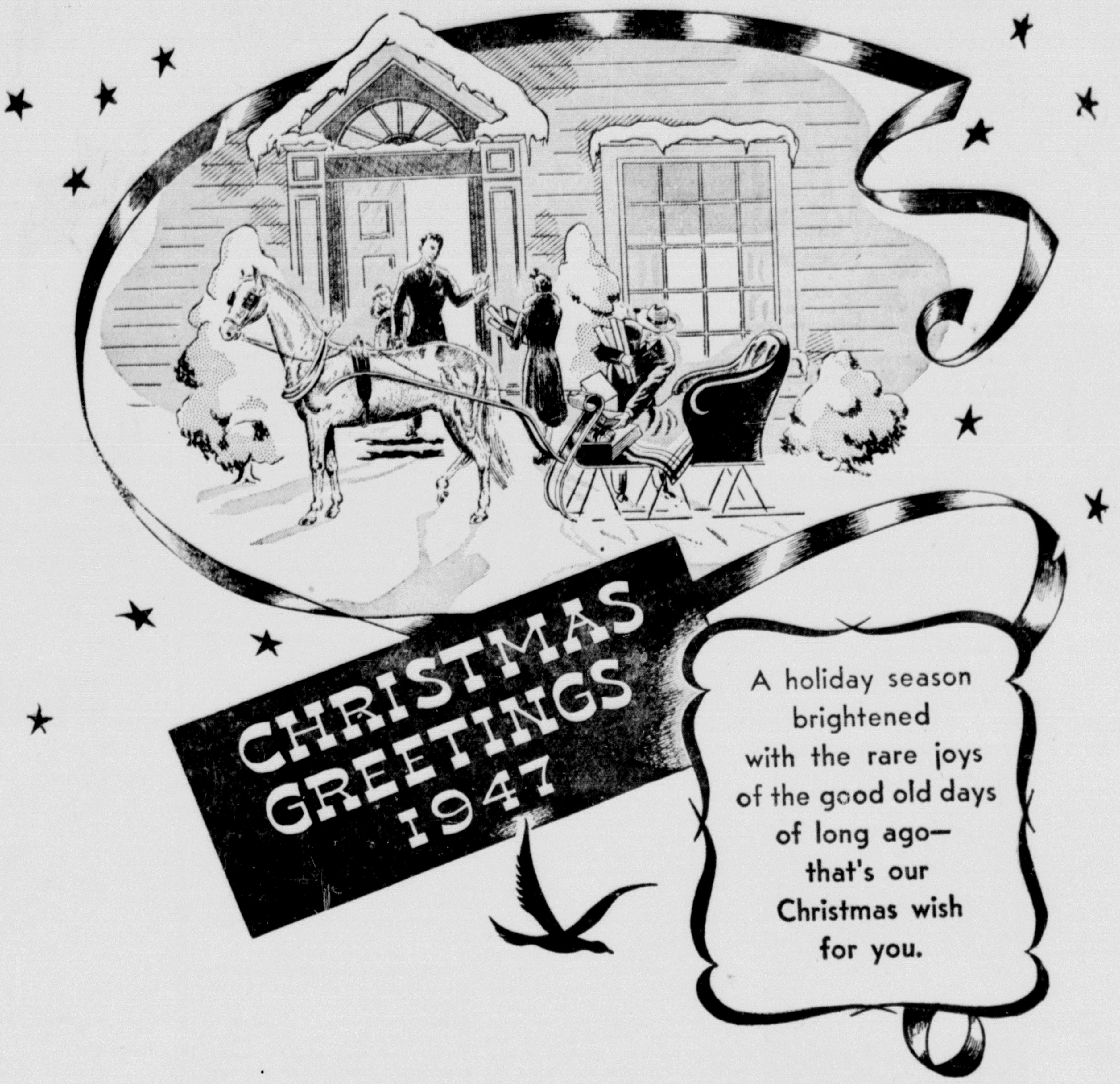

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Holiday Greetings

Our wish for you is that gentle Bells of Christmas echo throughout your home all through this wondrous Holiday Season.

Bendix Automatic Laundry

One Arab radio station in Palestine is offering a novel solution to the troubles of the Holy Land. It broadcast a report that the fabulously rich Aga Khan, Moslem potentate of an Indian state, is willing to buy up Palestine and present it to the Arabs as a gift.

Speculation over the identity of Joseph Stalin's successor in Russia is dying down. Among diplomats the idea is growing that, if and when Stalin retires, the job of ruling Russia will be divided up among a committee of half a dozen or so of the leading Communists.

MEMO TO Our Friends

Merry Christmas

CANYON MOTOR COMPANY

Oldsmobile Agency

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

We wish you again, as we have wished for you many times before, a joyous Christmas, and a successful New Year.

We trust we have met with your hearty approval in the past and that our efforts to serve you have not been in vain. May we continue t[illegible] the future.

S. T. NORRIS

Painting

Story of the Tree

We are told that the fir tree goes back to Eve, but it was not until the time of Martin Luther that the evergreen was used as an indoor decoration in celebration of Christmas.

It is said that Luther one Christmas Eve wandered through the woods and became enamoured with the wonder of the night.

He cut a small snow-laden fir tree, and set it up in his home for his children. He illuminated it with candles to represent the stars.

It was not until 1604 that, in Strassburg, the first Christmas tree appeared in literature.

'The Messiah' Ranks As Yuletide Favorite

Best known of all oratorios is Handel's "The Messiah," a favorite presentation of the Christmas season. In almost every community in the civilized world a choir will sing part or all of the oratorio during the Yuletide. People in places too remote to boast a sufficiently skilled choir or soloists will hear "The Messiah's" message by radio.

The famous oratorio was written by George Frederick Handel in London between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The first presentation

was in Fishamble Street Music hall, Dublin, on April 13, 1742, under direction of the composer.

Ladies were requested to "refrain from wearing hoops" and gentlemen to "leave their swords at home," in order that a capacity audience might swell the proceeds to relieve needy children and the inmates of debtors' prisons.

"The Messiah" was given its English premiere before the court at Covent Garden in March, 1743. George II was so overpowered by the grandeur of the music portraying the King of Kings that he sprang to his feet in reverent acclaim at the opening bars of the Hallelujah chorus, an action which led to the modern custom.

Holly Now Grown In Many Parts of Land

Grown on the hillsides of the coastal states from Maine to Texas and up the Mississippi valley to Missouri, holly is a pretty but slow-growing plant.

Leaves are evergreen, the margins of which are provided with rather widely separated spines. Weak and close-grained, the wood is exceptionally white, making it highly desirable in the manufacture of woodenware, cabinets and interior finishing.

As a result of scientific discoveries holly cuttings will take root quickly when they are treated with hormonelike substances. Christmas holly has been converted into potted plants. These plants can be set out as a permanent ornament for landscapes.

Growth regulating substances—indole butyric acid and naphthalene acetamide—are on the market in liquid or powdered form under various trade names. The chemicals are applied to plantings of fresh cuttings kept moist, cool and well shaded.

Santa Claus Legend

Santa Claus is the American version of St. Nicholas, the bearded Saint of Europe who, on Christmas Eve, carried a basket of gifts for good children, and a bunch of birch rods for the naughty ones.

St. Nicholas was transformed into Santa Claus by the Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam, and he became the fat, jolly, rosy-cheeked old fellow he is today.

Presidents Arthur, Cleveland and Wilson were sons of ministers.

Miracle Play In Modern Texas Town

LOS PASTORES, the hybrid Spanish - Indian miracle play introduced to Mexico centuries ago by Spanish monks and presented in San Antonio during the Christmas season, is enacted primarily for its spirituality.

A group of amateur actors go from house to house by invitation and because it is traditional that no one prompted by idle curiosity should witness the performance, only the initiated can find the scene of presentation.

Usually someone's back yard becomes the stage; the doorsteps serve as background for the Nacimiento. Manger scene: various objects are set on the stairs; pieces of crockery, tinsel, pincushions, patron saints—anything the household considers especially beautiful. In the center of the lowest step, the Christ Child (a life-sized doll placed on a platter with divers gaudy candy) is surrounded by plaster shepherds, donkeys, etc.

A tent opposite the Nacimiento gives evidence of representing hell; a bonfire has been built within and live devils emerge therefrom.

Th play has no definite time for beginning, but finally, a girl starts to walk back and forth reciting. Overdressed shepherds drone a seemingly endless song. Ermitano, the comic relief, carrying a rosary of spools, also represents the soul of its earthly journey and is often accompanied by the white winged Archangel Gabriel.

It is a never-ending performance: seven devils, six in sequined black with animal masks and the fork-tailed Lucifer in brilliant red, are finally vanquished; likewise, a wild Indian is overcome and kisses the Christ Child; the shepherds and all in attendance kiss the Child, solemnly and as slowly as possible.

One of the most important developments in Poland recently was the little-notice action of the Communists in seizing Spolem, the country's largest co-operative. Since the war, the Socialists had built up Spolem into a vast organization owning and operating numerous industrial and agricultural projects. Now the Socialists are deprived of control, and Spolem is forced to work with the state.

Despite the jubilation in Paris over the end of Communist strikes, trouble is developing in the coalition Government of Premier Robert Schuman. There is a conflict between the Socialist Labor Minister, Daniel Mayer, and the Radical Party Finance Minister, Rene Mayer.

Officials of the French Government were as happy as schoolboys when they broke the Communist-led strikes. One remarked: "For the first time since liberation we can call our country our own." Despite the sharp feeling between France and Russia there is no likelihood of a complete diplomatic break between the two countries.

The United States is the richest country in the world in natural resources.

Merry Merry Christmas!

From all of us to all of you, old-fashioned Holiday Greetings and cordial compliments of the season.

SAMUELSON Motor Co.

Boyce House "Gives You Texas"

The world would be a happier place if humans would just be human.

Congress ought to raise the exemption on the income tax. A man can't live on $500 a year—yet if he makes $501, he has to pay a tax.

Also some encouragement ought to be given for home ownership—an exemption, up to a certain amount, for expenditures to keep your home repaired and to improve it and the grounds. The man who owns his home is a great asset and when he spends his money to improve that home, he is helping the whole neighborhood, making it a prettier and more pleasant place in which to live. He deserves encouragement.

Then the man who tries to provide for his old age so that he can be self-supporting should be encouraged. If he economizes and pays each year on an annuity, why shouldn't he be given credit on his income tax payment for that, up to a certain point of course?

The world is crying for wheat. We are being asked to save a slice of bread a day. And yet there are some farmers with a large amount of wheat on hand. They will not market it until after a certain time because it would run their income tax into a higher bracket.

We have got to fix it so that a man will have an incentive to work and produce.

Those who are drawing salaries up in Washington to make the laws ought to know the answers—and do something. If they can't, they ought to be like that rabbit. Uncle Remus was passing a cemetery at midnight and thought he saw a ghost. He began running. He was really picking 'em up and laying 'em down. The path was narrow and he overtook a rabbit. He said, "Git outta the way, rabbit, an' let somebody run what kin run."

Germans are openly resentful of the U. S. Military Government's ruling that allows Americans to adopt German orphans. Thousands of German families that lost children during the war want to adopt youngsters, and they do not want young Germans sent out of the country to home in America.

Railroad workers achieved the 8 hour day in 1916, by an act of Congress making it effective on railroads engaged in interstate commerce.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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GLAD TIDINGS

Merry Christmas | Greetings | Good Cheer | Happiness | Joyeux Noel | Joy | Merry Xmas | Best Wishes

MAY THE SKIES BE FILLED WITH CHEERFUL GREETINGS TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS. WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR LIBERAL PATRONAGE AND TRUST WE MAY CONTINUE TO MERIT YOUR CONSIDERATION.

BILL'S STEAK HOUSE

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU

1947

May your Christmas be as exquisitely beautiful as the snow crystals that have, from time immemorial, added charm and enchantment to the glorious Yule tradition.

Phillips 66

ANDY WALSH

PHILLIPS "66" STATION

Fourth Ave. and Highway

YULETIDE Greetings

WHERE ELSE CAN WE ENJOY THE TYPE OF FREEDOM WE INHERITED MORE THAN IN AMERICA? WHERE ELSE IS THERE AS MUCH HAPPINESS AND JOY AS THAT WHICH IS OURS? THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF GOOD THINGS AND GOOD CHEER AND WOULD THAT WE MIGHT SHARE OUR GOOD FORTUNE WITH THOSE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THAN WE.

CANYON PRODUCE

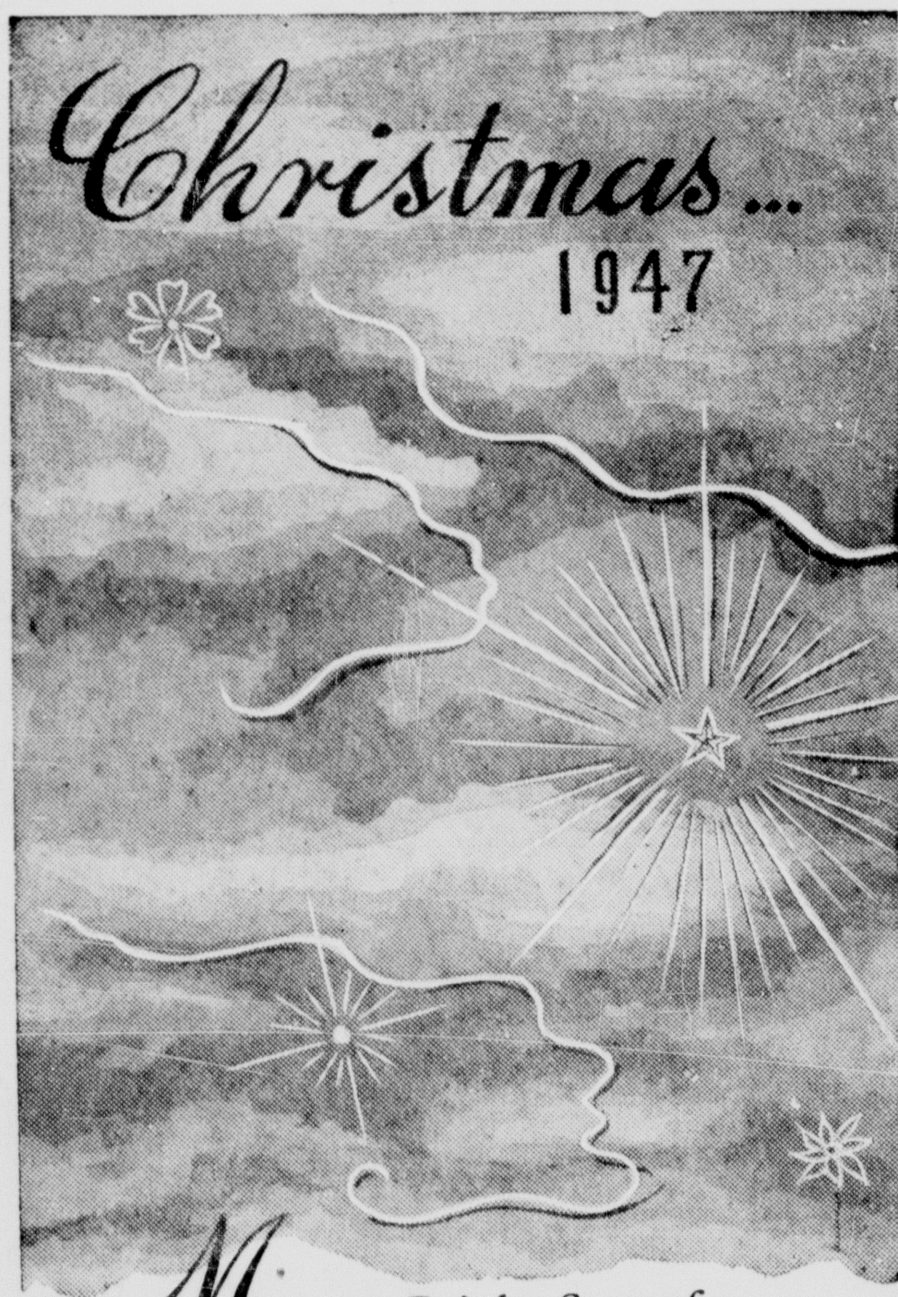
There is a possibility that surplus tobacco now held by the Commodity Credit Corporation will be made up into cigarettes and used as incentive goods to increase the output of workers in the American zone of Germany.

Detailed orders are being distributed among Italian Communists, giving specific instructions on methods for combating the Marshall Plan. The orders were prepared in Communist headquarters in Belgrade.

To you and yours this Yuletide season, we extend our sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness— that is our wish for you this joyous holiday season.

Evelyn Beauty Shop



May the Bright Star of Christmas flood your home with its sacred light.

RANDALL MOTOR CO.

Take a Look At Car Wrecks —Drive Carefully

AUSTIN: One way to assure a safer holiday motor trip, says State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer, is to drive by any garage or wrecking yard to view the remains of the latest automobile brought in from a highway collision.

The stark mental picture of its unfortunate occupants as it crashed headlong into an approaching truck; the horror of those few seconds while the ill fated vehicle bounced end over end and down the embankment; these and similar impressions can serve to emphasize the importance of careful driving.

"As seasonal traffic volume spurts upward, it is more important than ever that the highway signs and markings be carefully observed," Greer emphasizes.

"This applies especially to the 'No Passing Zone' which are plainly marked by a double stripe laid down on the pavement," he adds.

The no-passing zones were marked after engineers figured out with slide rules and instruments exactly where they should begin and end. They allow a bare minimum of time to get over the hill or around the curve before an approaching car can make yours another basis for an insurance claim.

"Besides being dangerous," Greer points out, "it's now against the law to attempt passing another vehicle where the double traffic stripe means 'Don't try to pass him here.'"

Other road hazards are marked with signs. The yellow octagonal "stop" sign at road intersections may save many a painful day in the hospital if observed with the meticulous care with which it was placed.

Yellow "Caution" and "Slow" signs warn of approaching hazards. If overlooked or disregarded, a driver may face an emergency he cannot handle without mishap.

"Observe the highway signs and markings," urges the veteran road builder again and again.

Diplomats and economists are skeptical about Russia's ability to deliver to Czechoslovakia all the grain and feed promised under the new trade deal between the two countries. Thus far the Czechoslovakians have received only 13,000 of the 300,000 tons of wheat Russia promised.

Burma's independence date was shifted from January 6 to January 4 because Burmese astrologers concluded that the original date was inauspicious for a new country. The public reaction to the news became so strong that the British finally agreed to change the date and had to reprint the independance act.

According to a recent announcement research developments offer reasonable promise that within a few years synthetic gasoline will be produced from coal at a cost close to that made from petroleum and natural gas.

The state of Iowa is a great agriculture empire, producing corn, oats, hay, wheat, barley, rye, potatoes, fruits, berries and other farm products. The state also ranks high in livestock, poultry, dairy farming, poultry, eggs and produce ralge quantities of wool.

Along with its large production of fruits, vegetables and agriculture products, including bananas, sugar cane, tobacco and pecans Florida has large fishing interests, phosphate deposits, and is rated as the second largest cattle producing state in the U. S.

The state of Washington is a fast-growing state; it attracts population because of its natural resources, its climate; its timber production is outstanding; its production of apples and wheat especially large. In it the cities of Seattle and Tacoma are important Pacific trading ports.

To date William Howard Taft is the only President of the U. S. to later become Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme court.

Season's Greetings

We send you sincere and hearty greetings, full of Christmas cheer for each of you. And we add good wishes for happiness and prosperity during the next twelve months.

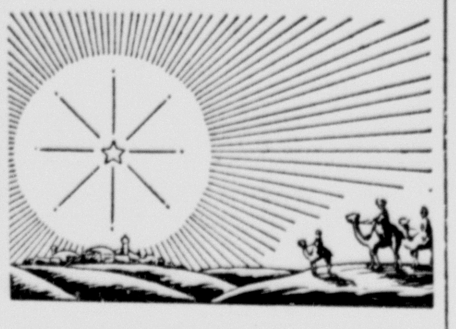
T. H. KNIGHTON
LIFE INSURANCE

Wise Men Patron Saints of Travelers

The Three Kings of Cologne have become patron saints of travelers, and very appropriately, too, since the Wise Men traveled considerably even after their death.

Biblically we know very little about the Wise Men. Church tradition, based on the three specifically mentioned gifts, has established three Wise Men and identified them as Caspar, Melchior and Balthaser; the Kings of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia, respectively.

Legend advances that on their way to Bethlehem, the Magi met at Ur and St. Matthew states that having adored the Christ Child, they departed into their own country by a different route. Whether each returned to his own country or whether all three journeyed into one country are matters for conjecture. Legend continues that they were baptized, distributed their wealth among the poor, and went about preaching the doctrine of peace and repentance; all three seem to have suffered martyrdom in India at the sam time.



In the fourth century Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, arranged for the transfer of their bodies to Constantinople.

When the Greek Emperor was overpowered by the first crusade in 1096, the holy remains were sent to Milan where they were enshrined until the latter part of the 12th century when Frederick Barbarossa ordered their removal to Cologne.

The Archbishop of Cologne adorned the relics with precious jewels and enshrined them within the Cologne Cathedral: in time, anything which touched the skulls of the Three Kings was considered as a charm against accidents, hence, the Wise Men became popular patron saints of travelers.

The real turning point in the London Conference of Foreign Ministers actually came three days ahead of the formal adjournment. At that time Russia's Molotov entered a meeting with two prepared speeches on reparations—one conciliatory and the other bellicose. A few minutes after the session opened Molotov discarded the soft-worded paper and denounced the other negotiators. The Americans gave up hope of agreement and began planning the end of the conference.

Actually, most members of the American delegation in London never hadexpected much of the Foreign Ministers Conference. They thought at one time Russia's desire for a hand in the management of the Ruhr might lead to some concessions. But the Russians saw they had little chance and decided, instead, to use the meeting as a means of making a propaganda bid for the friendship of the German people.

U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall looked fresher on the day the London Conference broke up than he had at any time during the long dead-lock among the Big Four. Marshall himself made the decision to shoulder responsibility for breaking off the negotiations. His final statement was written and rewritten time and again during the 48 hours before he spoke.

The combined assets of the American farmers, according to Federal statistics is 111 billion dollars. Befor the last war they were 54 billion.

SEASONS GREETINGS

It's Christmastime! Forget your cares and remember that Santa's abroad in the land. May your stocking be big enough to hold all the good things we wish for you.

FIFTH AVENUE LAUNDRY

Poinsettia—the flower of Christmas, with all its gentle beauty epitomizes our feeling of friendship for every one of you.

TO ALL
A Merry Christmas

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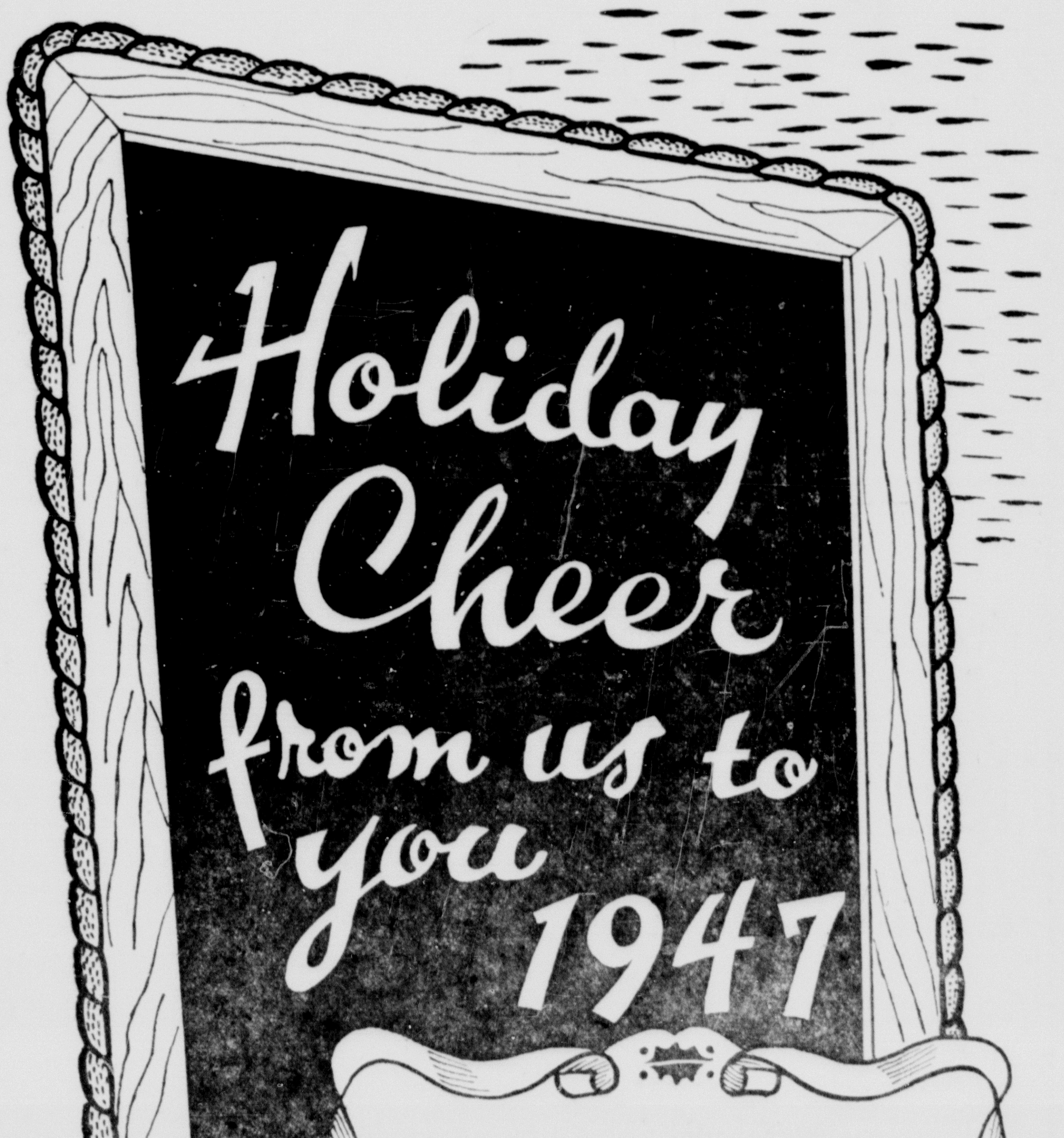
West End of Eighth Avenue
Phone 229

Cotton is the principal crop in Louisiana and the state has a large agricultural and fruit production, including strawberries, citrus fruits, sweet potatoes, sugar cane and other products. It is, also, the third largest petroleum producing state in the Union.

The state of Tennessee is rich in minerals, its livestock and agricultural interests are varied and important, its lumber production is large, its commercial interests are assisted by reason of its navigable waters, especially the Mississippi river.

Talk persists in London that Lord Inverchapel, Britain's Ambassador to the U. S., will be returning to England before long. Both Earl Mountbatten of Burma and Sir Oliver Franks have been mentioned as likely choices for an ambassadorship in the future.



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Our wishes for
our friends
Continue on and on
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1947
A JOLLY Christmas

★ No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere . . . in France, in Holland, in Sweden . . . and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

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ROVER WAITS FOR CHRISTMAS . . . He knows that Santa is not going to fail him, and that before long the genial saint will drop down the chimney and leave presents for all good boys, girls and dogs.

Christmas With the Pioneers Held Deep Religious Meaning

CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and yon sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

HOME-MADE sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama," go to sleep and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slate pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

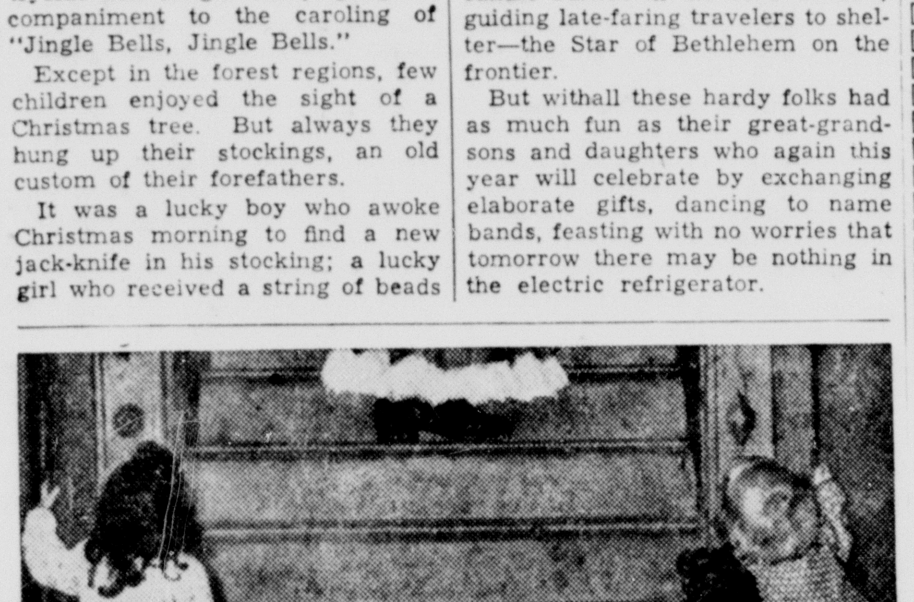
IN THE isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobsled ride or perhaps a square dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter—the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But withall these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.



JUST IN TIME . . . Youngsters all over America will sleep wi… ne eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Sa… 's feet as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in tim… to hear, "Merry Christmas to a' and to all a goodnight."

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Happy Birthday

December 26th—
Mary Orton
Richard Walters
Betty Ann Simon
Jimmy Dale McBroom
Frank Scales
Phyllis June Long
J. E. Keenan

December 27th—
Mrs. Bll Howse
Geraldine Small
Mrs. P. L. Britain
Raynelle Rigsby Hinds
Mrs. S. B. Loudder

December 28th—
Theresa Nell Smith
Mrs. Bill Smith
Coyle F. Shenefelt
Marsene Penick Ford
Mrs. Herbert Gerdsen

December 29th—
Mrs. J. M. Breitling
Mrs. Herschel Coffee
Frieda Menke
Thomas Bolingg
Mrs. Victor Steen
Mrs. Lee Montague

December 30th—
Joe Cook
Earl Gene Peppard
Frances Louise Standley
Neil Kilchriste
Jeanette Shelnutt

December 31st—
Morton Angel
Bill Knighton
A. H. Prichard
Mary Lange
Raymond La Cour
M. E. Cantrell
L. A. Pierce
Billy Neal McMillan
C. E. Colling
William Eldon McCarter, Jr.
Walter Boehning

January 1st—
Tommy Hunter
Mrs. Emma L. Foster
Mary Koenig
Billy Thomas
O. F. Meyers
Mrs. Bertie Strain
Virginia Lynn Blackburn
Mrs. Walter Graham
Merle Jean Bullard

The state of Maine produces a large potato crop, with hay in second place in its agricultural list. The state's main manufacturing is cotton and wool textiles, worsteds, boots and shoes.

According to information from the Federal Department of Agriculture rats and mice account for a loss of $200,000,000 worth of grain in this country yearly based on the 1945 prices.

The agriculture of the state of Oklahoma is varied, combining the production of both the north and south. Corn, cotton and wheat are the largest among the many products of the farms of the state.

Merry Christmas to all our friends 1947

TIME TO HANG UP YOUR STOCKING!

Whether it's Santa Claus, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas, let us hail the patron saint of children on this day of days.

Christmas is the season that, above all others, turns the thoughts of mankind back to the all-enveloping innocence of childhood—away from the pure selfishness and commercialism of the every-day world towards the joys of giving and sharing.

It is in that true spirit of Christmas that we wish for you all the blessings of this joyous season.

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St. Nicholas
1947
WISHES A MERRY YULETIDE TO ALL

Of Course you believe in Santy! . . . But even if you don't right now, the chances are ten to one that at one time in your career — the short pants or long curls stage — there was no doubt in your mind that there was a Santa Claus. You not only believed in him but you were in awe of him!

Santa Claus was a short roly-poly gentleman habitually clad in red with flowing white beard. He drove through the world Christmas Eve in a heavily-laden sleigh drawn by eight dashing reindeer.

It's a beautiful old myth — as much a part of the joyous Christmas season as is our annual wish for a Merry Yuletide for you and yours!

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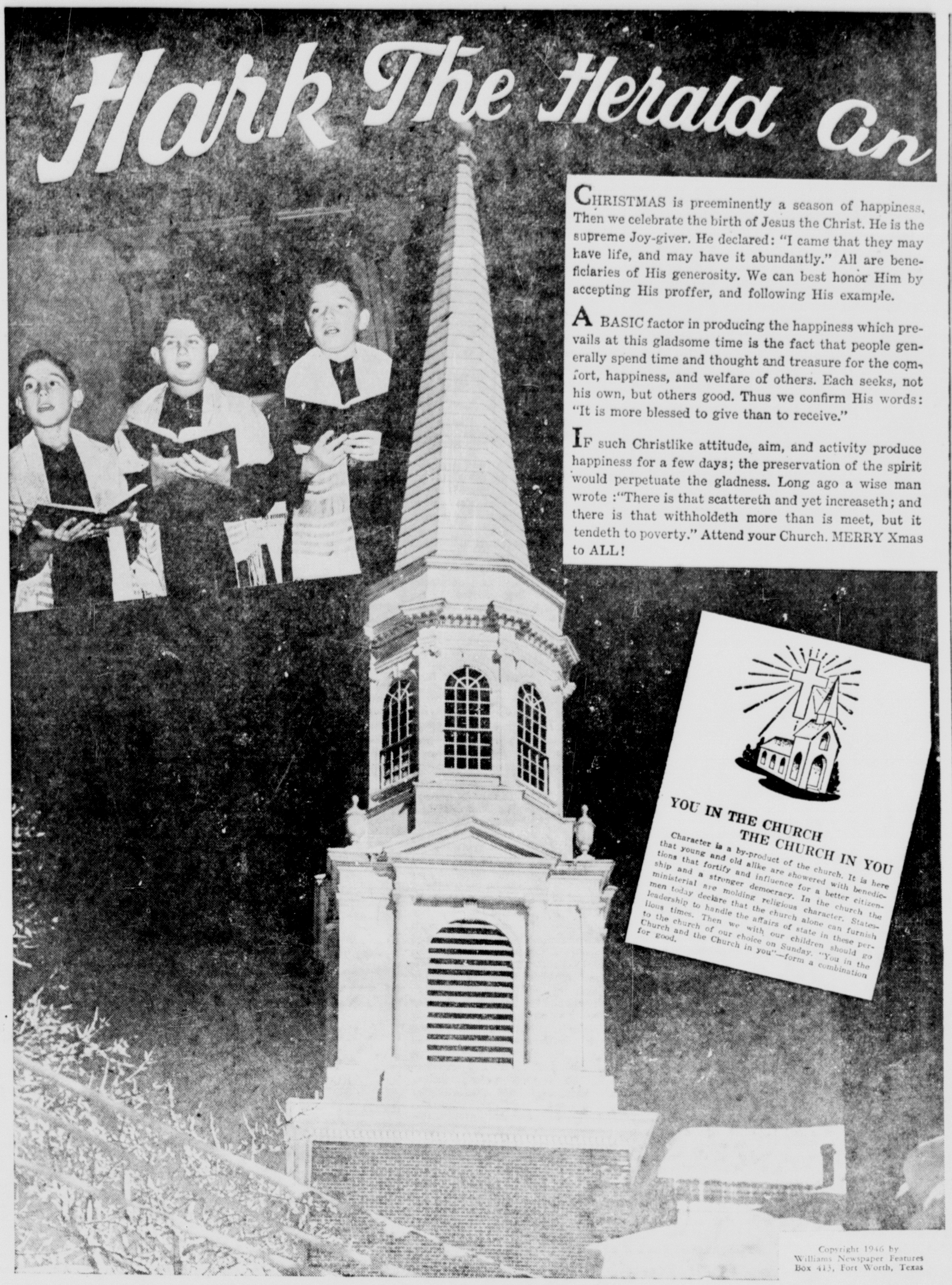

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First Presbyterian Church

First Christian Church

Assembly of God Church

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Olympic Theatre

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McDonald's Shop

Buffalo Food Store

Canyon Motor Company

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Canyon Tailoring Company

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Canyon Drug Company

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Cheatham's Furnishings

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Imperial Chevrolet Company

Cooper's Market

Farlow Electric Company

Whiteway Service Station

Carl's Cafe

Warwick Printing Company

Jennings'

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A Merry Christmas To Everyone!

Compliments of the Holiday Season

Irene's Beauty Shop

This Completes Our Christmas

WE DO NOT CONSIDER OUR CHRISTMAS COMPLETE UNTIL WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR SEASON'S GREETINGS TO THOSE WITH WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED IN THE PAST YEARS. IT GIVES US A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO EXTEND THESE GOOD WISHES BECAUSE WE KNOW THE VALUE OF FRIENDS LIKE YOU.

Whiteway Service Station

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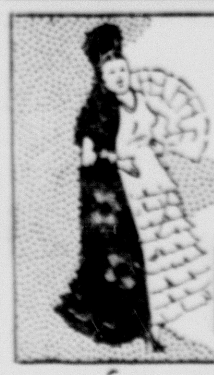
As the anniversary of the Great Event draws nigh we extend to one and all our best wishes for a happy Christmas season.

Randall County Abstract Co.

A. B. Holt, Manager



CHRISTMAS IN FOREIGN LANDS

IN THE GERMAN alpine districts an ancient belief is that cattle can speak on Christmas Eve. No one ever hears them, however, and it is considered sinful to try to listen. Another tradition holds that bees can sing on this holy night.

SHOOTING OFF GUNS and grenades on Christmas Eve to frighten away mischievous spirits is an old custom in southern Germany. This colorful ritual has been forgotten in most communities, but it is still practiced in a few places, like Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian alps. The noisy ceremony dates back to pagan times, when bonfires were kindled to greet the returning sun.

On Christmas Eve about ten o'clock members of the Weihnachtsschiessen Verein (Christmas Eve shooting society) pack up their rifles, shotguns, revolvers and handgrenades, and march to their appointed spot in the hills. Then at eleven o'clock they begin firing away into the air, setting off fireworks and lighting bonfires. At exactly half-past eleven all the banging stops, and the men quietly go off to their village churches.

BRAZILIAN CHILDREN parade through the streets at Christmas time dressed colorfully as shepherds, singing carols. This procession is called the pastorinhas, or shepherds' parade.

It is customary for children in Brazil to place their shoes in windows or doors in hopes of Christmas gifts, but in big cities the traditions associated with the North American Santa Claus are coming into favor. Since it is summer in this tropical country in December, Santa Claus with his fur-trimmed clothes, sleigh and reindeer seems a bit incongruous, however.

IN COLOMBIA THEY celebrate Christmas Day with a glorious fireworks display. In almost every village square a huge wooden effigy of a cow is erected. Men in fire-proof clothing crawl into the cow, and shoot off firecrackers, Roman candles and rockets, much to the delight of the children. This curious custom is called the Vacas Locas, or fiesta of the crazy cows."

CHRISTMAS DAY is a holy day in Italy, and people flock to the numerous churches for the real merrymaking for Italians comes on Christmas Eve, which is much more of a holiday than Christmas Day to them. As the eve of Christmas is a religious vigil on which no meat is allowed, the feast has to consist largely of fish. Most Italians choose eel for this banquet. A certain large species called capitone is especially popular, though quite expensive.

In the Calabrian hill country the shepherds come down from the mountains on Christmas and play bagpipes and flutes before the carpenter shops in special deference to St. Joseph, the carpenter.

At St. Marks church in Naples, dogs are taken along on Christmas morning. The faithful beasts wait outside until their masters have completed their devotions.

AFTER THE CHRISTMAS Eve supper, or Willia, Polish girls lift the table cloth and pick up handfuls of the straw that has been placed on the table. Any girl who finds an unthreshed ear of grain will be married soon and will be prosperous, according to tradition.

IT IS A PRETTY and humane Christmas custom in Scandinavian countries to hang a sheaf of grain outside the window in some snow covered yard so that the birds may share in the feast.

In Sweden and Finland the Christmas tree is kept standing for some time, usually until January 13, Canute's Day, when the neighborhood children are invited in to "plunder" it. It is a matter of great pride to the average youngster to have attended a large number of "phunderings."

ALMOST UNIVERSAL in South America is the custom of the family supper after Midnight Mass, know as Misa de Gallo. As it is then early on Christmas Day, the restrictions on eating meat, and on feasting in general that prevail on Christmas Eve, are over.

THE ANIMALS MUST NOT be forgotten at Christmas in Norway. Dog and cat get special Christmas fare, sheaves of grain are hung for the birds, and a large piece of suet put on the bird tray outside the kitchen window. On the farms cow and horse, sheep and pig and all the other animals get special treatment. The tradition of hanging sheaves of yellow heavy-headed grain outside the house in midwinter is as old as our history. Thousands of years ago, in the Stone Age, the belief was that the spirit which lived in the earth and made things grow, fled when the grain was cut. The spirit hid, it was thought, in the last remaining stalks, that was why the peasants laid aside the last sheaf and kept it. Midwinters, when the earth was frozen and covered with snow, and it was dark almost all day, the Stone Age people hung this sheaf near the place they lived. The spirit hiding in it helped the sun become strong again, and later it returned to the thawing fields to bring the people a new harvest of blessed grain.

Heavy Mail Coming Up for Santa

Children of the first grades at the Downey, Calif., elementary school, had a special box in which they deposited their mail to Santa. All were on their best behavior, for they have no way of knowing whether or not one of Santa's gnome helpers may be peeking through the slit. Hundreds of thousands of letters were mailed to Santa from all parts of the world.

We Still Travel to Grandmother's on Christmas

"To grandmother's house for Christmas. . . ."

That part of the holiday theme has become as much a part of the Yule season as the mistletoe and holly. And where, in days of yore, the trip to grandmother's house was made by sleigh, it now is being made by airplane.

With more planes available and expanded facilities, airlines are anticipating the greatest holiday travel season in history.

Many families are making "split trips"—the children going unescorted aboard flights from their home to the destination airport, where they are met by their grandparents. Mother and father follow later after completing various tasks essential to a complete Christmas.

"To grandmother's house for Christmas. . . ." goes the old song.

And this year throughout the nation the trip is being made by the modern mode of air transportation.

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CHRISTMAS JOY 1947

Down through the ages comes the glorious Christmas story. In this timeless, ageless season we greet our friends and neighbors.

BUFFALO FOOD STORE

DEMONSTRATION CLUB IS ENTERTAINED WITH PARTY

The Park Home Demonstration Club was enteretained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. H. Bartlett, Dec. 18. The house was decorated throughout with seasonal motifs.

Each member contributed to the program with songs, poems and readings.

Refreshments of mints, tea, coffee, cookies and cheese sandwiches were served to Mrs. Walter Simon, Mrs. Berton Frieze, Mrs. C. W. Prater, Mrs. G. A. Colling, Mrs. H. A. Simon, Mrs. Mary Simon, Mrs. Flynn Winters, Mrs. O. E. Wineinger, Mrs. Frank Simon, Mrs. J. V. Williams, Mrs. A. T. Burks, Mrs. H. A. Henson, Mrs. Jack Burch, Mrs. C. T. Burch, Mrs. Ray Green and Mrs. Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Vearl Iverson, Don and Nina, left Sunday to go to St. George, Utah, to spend the week visiting with relatives.

MURRAY BIBLE CLASS HAS VARIED CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Members of the First Methodist Murray Bible Class were entertained Thursday night with a Christmas party in Fellowship Hall at the Church. Special guests were members of the Wesley Bible Class and of the primary group, which was adopted by the Murray Class.

Handkerchiefs were presented to members of the Wesley Class, and Bibles were given to the primary.

An appropriate program included a Christmas reading by Miss Moss Richardson, carols sung by Carrie Guerrero and several varied numbers by the primary children.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walters of Pampa are in Canyon to spend the holidays visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. Maud Walters and Richard. They will also visit with relatives in Knox City.

Mrs. Travis Shaw will be in Albuquerque, N. M., to visit with friends during the next two weeks.

Miss Anita Davis arrived in Canyon Saturday to spend the week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Davis. She is a teacher in the Hot Springs, N. M. school.

Holidays visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Loudder will be Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gray of White Deer, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harding of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collins and son, Jay, of Monticello, Utah, are in Canyon to visit during the holidays with his mother, Mrs. T. W. Collins.

Bascom Nelson left Friday to visit with relatives in Dimmitt.

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Get split-second relief of Cold Miseries with 666 the largest selling Liquid Cold Preparation in the U. S.
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We Wish You a Merry

CHRISTMAS

Today - Wednesday	Thursday - Friday	Saturday Only
Jack Carson MARTHA VICKERS ROBERT HUTTON in "Love and Learn" SPECIAL SHORTS	Red Skelton in "Merton of the Movies" Matinee Christmas Day Starting at 1:30 p. m.	RANDOLPH SCOTT BRIAN DONLEVY in "When the Dalton's Rode" New Serial Starting

SUNDAY AND MONDAY	Tuesday - Wednesday
"RED STALLION" Filmed in Cinecolor ROBERT PAIGE — TED DONALDSON AND AN ALL STAR CAST	WALTER BRENNAN RUTH WARRICK in "Driftwood" A Picture for the whole family.

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Holidays For '48 Are Selected By Business Firms

According to a survey just completed by the Chamber of Commerce, Canyon business houses will take more holidays during 1948 than in past years.

New Year and Labor Day have been added to the holidays which will be generally observed by the business firms.

A schedule was recently presented to business firms by A. B. Holt, secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, and it was found that a majority of the firms will observe the following holidays during the coming year:

New Year Day.
Memorial Day, May 30, half day.
July 4th.
Labor Day, Sept. 1.
Homecoming of W. T., half holiday.
Armistice, Nov. 11.
Thanksgiving.
Christmas.

Christmas was the only day agreed upon by all business firms for closing.

Delbert Lowes, president of the Chamber, advises that Randall county people to clip out the list of holidays which are scheduled and keep them for reference during the coming year.

Umbarger News

Mrs. Otto Skarke, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gerber and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Friemel, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Friemel, and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hughes and daughter spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Friemel.

Miss Finnie spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Friemel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Friemel spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Irlbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Batenhorst and family spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Koch.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Batenhorst and family spent Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Batenhorst.

Mr. and Mrs. Mat Albracht and family spent Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gerber.

Mr. and Mrs. Glyn McKenze spent Sunday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beckman and Mrs. Aline Lindemann.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Skypala and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Skypala, and Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Artho spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Artho.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brinkman of Hereford spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stocker and family spent Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hoffman.

Those exchanging visits Sunday were Carol Lindemann with Johnnie Beckman.

Misses Leta and Joyce Hill visited in Amarillo Monday.

West Texas Girls Choral Society Sings for Lions

A varied program of choral music, including several Christmas favorites, was given at the Lions Club meeting, Thursday, Dec. 18, by the West Texas Girls Choral Society. This popular aggregation of more than forty well-trained vocalists displayed a tonal versatility that filled the audience with mingled feelings of surprise and delight. Under the guiding baton of Miss Matilde Guame, concert pianist, teacher and conductor, the desired effects, harmonization, shadings and contrasts were admirably achieved.

The entire chorus sang " The Brown Bird Singing," and "In Gay Seville." The sextette then sang three Mother Goose rhymes, "Sing a Song of Sixpence," "Little Boy Blue," and "Old Mother Hubbard." This was followed by Thelma Mercer's solo, "O Holy Night." Another group of three numbers from the sextette celebrating the Christmas theme included "The First Noel," "The Coventry Carol," and "Angels We Have Heard on High." The closing numbers of the chorus were "Lift Thine Eyes," and "The Christ of the Snow."

Hospital News

Mrs. G. W. Hilliard, surgical
Mrs. G. M. White, medical
Mrs. J. O. McFarland, medical
Mrs. E. I. Boyce, medical
Mrs. W. I. Ellis, medical
Raymond Tucek, medical
Mrs. Floyd Plant, medical
Maurine Scruggs, medical
Mrs. George Nance, medical
Ray Campbell, medical
Jimmie Crawford, surgical
G. W. Rogers, medical
Duane Byars, surgical

DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETS FOR PROGRAM

Members of the Jowell Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. S. G. Elliott, Dec. 17, for a Christmas party. A Christmas program was presented.

Included were carols by the group, a story by Mrs. T. C. Gooch, and poems by Mrs. Eugene Bonds and Mrs. John Robinson. Pollyanna gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments of nut bread, cookies, jello salad, candy and coffee were served to Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Hinders, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Gooch, Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. T. J. Bond, Mrs. Eugene Bonds, and two guests, Mrs. L. S. Johnston and Mrs. Lonnie Byars, and the hostess, Mrs. Elliott.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Bonds at 2:30 p. m., Jan. 7.

Charles Stratton arrived in Canyon Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stratton. Charles is studying at the University at Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. James La Cour of Montrose, Colo., are spending Christmas in Canyon in the home of her mother, Mrs. Alice Black, and visiting with other friends and relatives here. Mrs. La Cour is the former Miss Betty Jo Black.

TO THE PEOPLE OF CANYON AND RANDALL COUNTY:

In grateful appreciation of of your friendship through many years, and with a deep sense of humility and gratitude to a merciful Providence, we extend Season's Greetings to each and all of you.

May the spiritual significance of Christmas be felt in every heart, helping us "to rise on our dead selves to higher things"; and may the New Year bring to each of you the fulfillment of all righetous wishes.

Your Friends,

MR. AND MRS. J. A. HILL

Cas Brooks Died Sunday at Age of 93 Years

Cas Brooks, pioneer South Plains rancher, died at 11 o'clock Sunday night in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Odie Fowler, in this city. One of the earliest settlers in the Wayside community, Mr. Brooks moved to northern Swisher County in 1891. He had lived in Swisher and Randall counties since that time.

Mr. Brooks was 93 years old. He retired from active ranching about 13 years ago, and had been in failing health for the past three years.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. B. E. Bollman, pastor, officiating.

Pallbearers were: Robert Alexander, Gruver; Ralph Bort, Gruver; Curley Myers, Happy; Billie Black, Canyon; Clay Ridgeway, Hereford; and Frank Cobb, Tulia.

Surviving relatives include four daughters, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Minnie Short, Amarillo; Mrs. Evelyn McGrough, Dumas, and Mrs. James Rutherford, Jackson, Miss.; two sons, R. E. Brooks, Gruver, and F. A. Brooks, Tulia; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Griggs-Warren Funeral Home.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wright for Christmas will be: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Braddy and Ann of Leonard; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fulkerson and Bobby of Tucumcari; Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Wright of Levelland, and Mrs. Ruth Ponder and Betty Jo of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Harrison and baby are scheduled to arrive here to spend Christmas with their mothers, Mrs. Ollie Harrison and Mrs. Mary Sligar. Mr. Harrison is in the Navy, stationed at San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mote of Pampa visited here Sunday with Mrs. Ruth Costley, aunt of Mrs. Mote. While in Canyon they also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Money and children.

Five new ROYAL PORTABLE typewriters received Tuesday morning at the News office for late Christmas shoppers. 1t

Stork Specials

Mr. and Mrs. H. Woolsey are the parents of a son who arrived in Neblett hospital, Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright announce the arrival of a son, Dec. 22.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Slack of Tucumcari, N. M., a daughter, Dec. 16. The baby has been named Laura Jane. Grandparent are Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Slack of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Bonds of Tulia announce the arrival of a daughter, Loretta Louise, who was born Dec. 16. Mrs. Bonds is the former Miss Jimmie Sol Slack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Slack.

Fairview Breezes

A good crowd was out for Sunday School Sunday morning, and B. T. U. Sunday night.

A large crowd gathered in the S. F. Sharpes home Saturday night for the Home Demonstration Club Christmas tree. The adults enjoyed six tables of Progressive "42." High score was won by Mrs. Harney Rogers, and H. H. Shipman, and low went to E. W. Schaeffer and Mrs. A. E. Wise. The young people enjoyed ring games after which everyone drew names and placed them on the gifts they had brought, so everyone present received a gift. Popcorn balls, homemade candy, nuts and apples were passed around to the crowd. They were furnished by the club. After a late hour everyone wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wesley went to Amarillo Saturday to take Vesta Amerson to stay with her mother who is ill in a hospital. Lavena Amerson returned home with them.

E. E. Wesley and son, Arlen Ray, visited Sunday in the G. E. Wesley and J. W. Wesley homes. Arlen remained with his grandparents for the holidays.

Fayerene Schaeffer and Juanita Howard were week end visitors in the E. W. Schaeffer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Amerson and sons, Larry and Sherman, arrived in Amarillo Monday evening to visit with Hollis' mother, Mrs. F. O. Amerson, who is critically ill in Amarillo.

We are glad to have Mrs. Doris Gillham and girls back for a visit at the club tree Saturday evening.

Little Gerry Parker was able to be brought home from the hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilson of San Antonio spent a few days the past week visiting with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wilson.

Charles Wesley was able to go Christmas shopping Saturday afternoon.

Mary Edna Wise of W. T. is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wise.

We are glad to report Mary Alice Brazil is able to be back in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers visited in the E. M. Wilson home several days the past week.

Mrs. W. F. Barnard is quite ill at her home in Canyon.

Miss Jane Darland went to Illinois to visit with relatives during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Service of Odessa are in Canyon to spend the week visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Service.

Grand Jury Called to Meet on January 5th District Court

A new grand jury was summoned for service in District Court on January 5th.

The following men have been summoned:

Marion Bruce, Travis Payne, W. A. Juett, Walter Graham, Si G. Elliott, M. B. Brown.

Marshall Rockwell, Jr., Bernard Warren, D. R. Weaver, John F. Lill, L. T. Campbell, W. N. Barrick, Stanley Blackburn, R. E. Blankenship, J. B. Latham.

No petit jury has been summoned for the new term of court.

Melton Brazil Was Killed in Train Accident

Funeral services for Louis Milton Brazil, 20 years old, of Happy were conducted at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Canyon First Methodist church with the Rev. Hubert Thomson, pastor, officiating. Mr. Brazil was killed when the car in which he and four companions were riding was struck by a freight train at the Grand Avenue Crossing in east Amarillo about 8:30 o'clock Sunday night.

The car was shoved along the tracks for a distance of about two blocks after the impact, and Mr. Brazil, who was driving, was thrown from the car and under the wheels of the heavily loaded train, according to reports.

Injured were: Thelma Bauer of Happy; Mary Morris and Virginia Lee Moorehead, both of Amarillo, and Melvin Schaeffer of Happy.

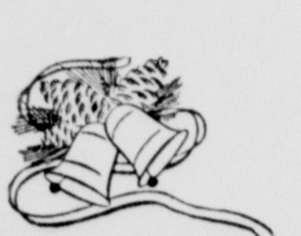
Pallbearers were Elmer Bauer, Charles Knox, Bill Todd, Steve Hays, Curtis Lehnick and Virgil Roberson.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Brazil; three brothers, Marvin, Douglas and Daniel Brazil, and three sisters, Laura and Mary Alice, all of Happy, and Mrs. A. W. Hammock of Dalhart.

Interment was in Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Amarillo.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Presley this week will be Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cline and sons of West Liberty, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Trollinger and children of Dallas.

Mrs. Fannie Stallings has gone to California to visit with relatives during the holidays.



CHRISTMAS AT ITS BEST

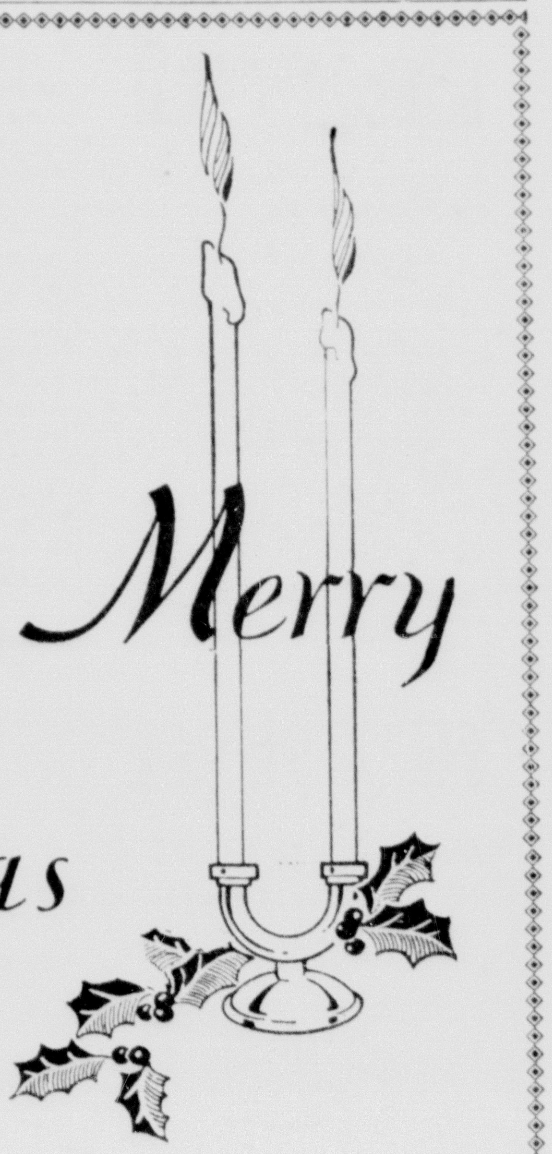
From the depths of our heart we wish to extend our sincerest Christmas greetings. We are mindful of the part you have each had in the trying days of the past year and it is because of such unselfish efforts that the American way of life will be maintained. It is our wish that you will enjoy Christmas at its best, with an abundance of good cheer, good fellowship and goodwill for all.

Canyon Lions Club

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND THE BEST OF EVERYTHING IN THE NEW YEAR

Canyon Rotary Club



A Merry, Merry Christmas

If it were at all possible, we would see each of you personally, clasp your hand in a friendly sort of way, and say, "Merry Christmas!" At the same time, we would express our sincere thanks for all past favors, and invite your continued patronage on the basis of our genuine interest in your welfare and our desire to be of every service possible to you during the coming year.

We are sorry we cannot see each of you individually—and we want to convey, through this message, our heartfelt appreciation of your friendships and to wish you all the joys of the Christmas Season.

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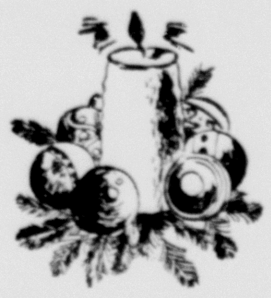
New Pentecostal Holiness Church Is Now Completed

Rev. A. T. Kersey, pastor, has announced that the Pentecostal Holiness Church, located on Fifth Avenue, is now completed and that services will be held Sunday.

Sunday school will begin at 10 a. m., the morning service at 11 o'clock, and the evening service is scheduled at 7:30. Prayer meeting will be conducted each Thursday evening at 7:30, and singing will be Friday night at the same hour.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cunningham this week will be, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powell of Seminole and Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Cunningham. Mrs. Powell is the mother and S. V. the brother of Mr. Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lawless are visiting during the holidays with relatives in Marshall.



YULETIDE GREETINGS TO EVERYONE!

BOB'S COFFEE SHOP

It would be difficult, indeed, to forget our friends, particularly at Christmas. We want you to know how close we feel to all of you, and how sincerely we wish for each of you the choicest blessings of Yuletide.

FELIX PIERCE

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL IS HELD FOR T. E. L. CLASS

Mrs. W. T. Henderson was hostess to members of the First Baptist T. E. L. Class for their Christmas social in her home Friday night. The home was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season.

After a short program, gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments of fruit cake, hot punch, jello with whipped cream and candy were served.

Present were: Mesdames S. L. Terry, teacher, T. I. Hollis, John H. Wright, J. T. Cartrite, Maud Cates, Fred Sorgee, W. H. Sparkes, C. H. Stratton, Martha Canada, C. W. Dunn, John Davis, Stella Murrell, R. C. Yarbrough, George Small, R. H. Long, R. E. Gill, Dallas Milner, G. B. Heath, H. Cook, L. H. Crawford, Henry Cone, W. T. Davis, J. C. Dowd and the hostess.

SOCIAL PIONEERS MEET IN HOME OF MRS. ROBBINS

Social Pioneers met in the home of Mrs. Jeannette Robbins Thursday for their Christmas party. Mrs. R. E. Foster directed the program.

The group sang Christmas carols, and Mrs. W. H. Stroud, Mrs. L. E. Simms, Mrs. N. A. Croson, and Mrs. Foster read Christmas stories.

The thirty-nine members and guests present drew names for gifts from the beautiful tree.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Olga Seales, Mrs. Ruth Williams, Miss Inell Brotherton and Mrs. Bob Brotherton, served sandwiches, fruitcake, mints and coffee.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Croson, Jan. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Spain and son, Jimmie, of Watsonville, Calif.; Calvin Sanders of Crow's Landing, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Murphy and children of Exel, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Young and son, Buck, of Santa Rosa, N. M., will be Christmas Day visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Groves and children of Stinnett will visit this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. C. E. Clark will return to Stinnett with them to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harden have gone to Beaumont where they will spend Christmas visiting in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ishmael Hill, and children.

Industrial production in Holland during October passed prewar levels for the first time since the country's liberation. October production was 103 per cent of the 1938 average. In September, output was 95 per cent of 1938.

Relief parcels no longer are being sent to Romania by the Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe (CARE). The organization says that the Romanian Government tried to collect customs duties on CARE packages and insisted on supervising distribution, both in violation of a signed agreement.

International telegraph service between all zones of Germany and the rest of the world, except Spain and Japan, has been authorized by the Allied Control Council. Such service has been in effect in the British-American zone for several months, but now has been extended to the Soviet and French zones and Berlin. Registered and insured mail may be sent out of Germany after December 31.

Immigration quotas in Mexico will be dropped if a Government proposal is approved by the Mexican Congress. Under the suggested law, the Department of Interior would pass on applications of prospective immigrants.

Two new steel mills, each with a capacity of 500,000 tons a year, are to be erected in India. One will be in North Bihar and the other in the Central Provinces.

SKI-ING

Deck the halls with boughs of balsam;
I'm about to slide and falsam.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May Old Saint Nick furnish your home with the most joyous Christmas blessing. . . . The happiest of holidays to you and yours.

PRICE GROCERY

Phone 131 Across from High School

Sincere Wishes for a Merry Christmas

A winter countryside with a church spire dominating the scene reflects a peacefulness that symbolizes the kind of Christmas Day we hope you enjoy this year.

Future Foretold By Drowsy Hens

Divinations were an important part of the Christmas festivities in Czarist Russia.

After a special family Christmas dinner, the girls of the household placed five piles of grain upon the kitchen floor: each pile was given a name, such as Hope, Ring, Money, Thread and Charcoal. A drowsy hen was fetched from the henhouse and allowed to walk around the kitchen floor and choose a pile of grain.

Obviously the hen's choice of Money meant wealth; Ring, foretold a wedding within a year; and Hope, promised the fulfillment of a wish or a long journey. If the sleepy chicken chose the grain designated as Thread, a life of toil was predicted for the marriageable maiden of the household; and Charcoal was considered an omen of death in the family.

Old songs were sung to accompany such goings-on, while the girls and women vied to devise complete stories based on the antics of the hen.

In addition to being noted for its bluegrass region with its fine stock, Kentucky boasts of its tobacco production, which is second largest in the nation. Corn is the state's second largest crop, its oil production is considerable and its manufacturing, transportation and financial interests are large.

The state of Kansas is one of America's thrifty and greatest producing states. It leads all others in the production of wheat, and produces many other farm products. It also ranks very high in mineral production, among its production being large quantities of oil, zinc, coal, natural gas and cement.

Besides being a world play ground, having large manufacturing and commercial interests New Jersey's agricultural and fruit interests are large and valuable.

WE GREET YOU AT CHRISTMAS

And trust to offer you Cheer every day of the year.

STEVENSON INSURANCE CO.

Deciphers Story of Old Syrian Tablet

A scholar at Yale university recently translated an inscription on a clay tablet found in Northern Syria which comprised "the oldest known narrative of the miraculous birth of an exceptional child," antedating similar tales familiar in Old Testament literature.

The ancient tablet was one of several unearthed during a series of archeological expeditions begun in 1929 at Ras Shamra, the site of ancient Ugarit, and the translation was made by Dr. Julian J. Obermann, director of Judaica research at Yale.

He said the inscription, in cuneiform alphabet, formed the prologue of a Canaanite saga about a certain Daniel, who lived more than 1,000 years before his namesake who invaded the lions' den, and how he begat a son named Aqhat.

Among the mineral products of California are gold, petroleum, gas, cement, clay, stone, gravel, silver, salt, mercury, copper, borax, platinum, tungsten, chromite, magnesia, pyrites, silicia, diatomaceous earth, potash, talc and lead.

The area of the state of Texas is 265,893 miles. Its fine climate and rich natural resources drew many people to it in early history. While it was a part of Mexico more Americans than Mexicans lived within its borders.

The state of South Dakota is outstanding in agricultural production; its dairy and livestock interests are large; its minerals consist of gold, silver and several other minerals. It was admitted to the Union in 1889.

The industries and interests in the state of Michigan are diversified and important. It leads in auto building; other manufacturing interests are numerous. The state ranks high in agriculture, and its commerce includes a large lake traffic.

May this Christmas bring happiness as true, as that we have known in our relations with you!

MONARCH FINE CLEANING

Martha Jean Dowd Is Injured in Car Wreck at Dallas

Miss Martha Jean Dowd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dowd of this city, received severe facial injuries in an automobile accident which occurred near Dallas Saturday evening. She was taken to Baylor hospital in that city for medical attention. Her young woman companion was uninjured, although the car was almost demolished, according to reports.

Mr. Dowd left Canyon immediately upon receiving the message to be with his daughter. Martha Jean, a teacher in the Kaufman schools, was joined in Dallas by her brother, Bobby Dowd, a student in Texas A. & M. College, College Station, who was also en route to Canyon for the holidays.

Mr. Dowd will return to Canyon with Bobby and Martha Jean as soon as she is able to travel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Money and children, Edel and Eloyce, will spend Christmas Day visiting with relatives near Arney.

Mrs. Ed Mickle, Jr., is visiting in San Antonio with her mother, Mrs. Era Manning.

Merry Christmas FOLKS!

May you receive everything you want this Christmas, and may all your holiday wishes come true.

RESTWELL Tourist Court

The foundation of all business is confidence, and to you, whose confidence we treasure, we sincerely wish a Christmas of great joy and a New Year of happiness and prosperity

DR. H. A. BROWN and STAFF

Season's Greetings

The Joyner Motor Co.

● We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

K SERVICE STATION

The state of Colorado boasts about 6 million acres of farm lands. It boasts of 35 minerals, of which gold and silver lead; it is the chief beet sugar producing state and has over sixteen beet sugar refineries; on account of its fine summer climate its tourist trade is very large; its largest city, Denver, is the trade center for the Rocky Mountain states.

Inspection of property in the British zone of Germany and the British sector of Berlin now is being allowed without restriction. Previously, the British Board of Trade limited the number of property owners permitted to enter those areas.

There's lots of business waiting for the butcher who puts on the market some choice cuts in prices.

FOR SALE

1 1936 ½-ton Chevrolet Pickup
1 1941 ½-ton Ford Pickup
1 1941 Plymouth 4-door Sedan
1 1942 Ford 2-door Sedan
1 1938 Chevrolet 2-door Sedan
1 1938 Dodge 1½-ton Truck
1 1947 1½-ton Dodge Truck (new)
1 1941 Ford flat face Cowl 1½-ton
1 (new) Ranger, 2-wheel Trailer

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Atom Work Aid In Cancer War

Researchers Find New Tools for Battle Against Dread Disease.

OAK RIDGE, TENN.—With tools born of American research to produce the atom bomb, new aids for the attack on cancer have been developed.

"Great achievements" already have been made in medicine, biology and industry, said a commission scientist, commenting on the atomic energy commission's first detailed summary of peacetime applications of the atomic energy program.

The scientist added that these are only "infant steps" toward future developments in these fields and in agriculture.

The report was issued on the first anniversary of the release of radioisotopes for private research work. These materials, produced here at Oak Ridge in the same type of uranium chain-reacting oven used in the A-bomb development, are radio-active, or ray-emitting forms of common and rare elements.

One Agent Tagged.

They can be used as "atomic spies" to help study the action of their stable counterparts in various processes important to man.

A few can be used as "atomic artillery," supplying direct radiation for the treatment of certain diseases.

The cancer work described in the report illustrates both those functions.

Researchers at St. Louis' Barnard free skin and cancer hospital, one of 170 institutions which have received shipments of isotopes during the last year, have succeeded in "tagging" an artificial cancer-producing agent with one of the radioisotopes—Carbon 14.

That is, they have incorporated the ray-emitting element into the cancer-producing material—an organic substance called methylcholanthrene—in such a way that it may be possible to study just how the tagged agent produces cancer experimentally.

Trace Signals.

Radioactive materials "broadcast" signals which enable them to be traced by delicate instruments even when they are hidden from sight.

Work at New York's Memorial hospital illustrates use of a radioactive material designed to furnish radiation for the treatment of disease.

Methods have been devised there for chemically incorporating radioisotopes in certain drugs which are utilized by the body in specific ways.

The idea behind the Memorial hospital research is that such drugs as sex hormones and "nucleic acids" furnish the means of transporting radioactive materials to a specific area of the body where the rays can be directed at cancerous tissue in a "localized" area.

One of the problems in treating cancer by radiation of any kind is to confine it to the diseased area and not affect normal tissue.

Finds Daughter by Chance Call After 22 Years Apart

OLEAN, N. Y.—A chance telephone call reunited a South Carolina girl, Miss Lorraine Ellis Ashley with her father, Fred W. Ellis of Olean, after a separation of 22 years.

The girl's mother died in the 'flu epidemic in 1918. Lorraine, just one month old, was adopted by another family when her father almost died from the same disease.

Ellis, now a retired mail carrier, lost track of his daughter when she and her foster parents moved to South Carolina in 1924. Neither knew the other was alive until a friend of the daughter, who worked as a telephone supervisor in James Island, near Charleston, put in a call to Olean.

The Olean operator reported a telephone listed for Ellis, letters were exchanged and the girl came here for a reunion.

Army Romance Given Aid By General Eisenhower

WASHINGTON.— Army romance got a lift from Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

The chief of staff, acting on the request of West Point superintendent, Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, cancelled a proposed regulation which would have forbidden regular army second lieutenants to marry until one year after they are commissioned.

The proposed regulation would have become effective July 1, 1949.

Removal of the ban does not affect the existing regulation forbidding West Point cadets to marry before graduation.

One Baby First, Twins Next and Now Triplets!

NEW YORK.—It looks like the stork has picked up a few ideas about inflation.

In 1943 Mrs. Joseph Steinberg gave birth to a boy. Two years later she had twin girls. Recently she gave birth to triplets, a boy and two girls, at Rockaway Beach hospital.

The deepest iron mine in the world is located at Ramsay, Mich.

Palo Duro News

We wish a speedy recovery from illness to Raymond Tucek who underwent an appedectomy at Neblett Hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kampen and Edward were dinner guests in the Henry Miller home Sunday.

Marvin Albers, who is attending St. John's Lutheran College in Winfielld, Kansas, is spending the Christmas holidays in the E. H. Albers home.

Callers in the Henry Miller home Sunday evening were Mrs. Grogan of Amarillo and Mrs. James Jennings, Tom and Sally.

The meeting of the Lutheran Ladies Aid has been postponed from January 1 to January 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith of Arizona visited in the Clark McClendon home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller and son of Dallas are spending the week in the parental Clark McClendon home.

Wool reserves in Argentina are reported to total more than 150,000 metric tons. As a result, it is expected that 325,000 metric tons will be abailable for export in the 1947-48 season. The United States continues to be the best customer for Argentine wool, but European buyers are increasing their purchases.

Museum Will Be Closed Christmas

Boone McClure, director of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, announced Monday that the Museum will be closed the afternoon of Dec. 24, and will remain closed all of Christmas day.

ANNUAL REUNION

Annual Christmas Reunion for the family was held in the home of Mrs. Mary Burtz, Sunday. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bailey and Kenneth, and Mr. and Mrs. Onan Kyle, all of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis, Ervin and Earlene, of Happy, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burtz and Clifford; Mr. and Mrs. Buron Fewell and Clyde of Adrian; Mrs. Ancil Schubert of Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fewell and children of Hale Center; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burtz and son of Winner, S. D. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burtz and son left Monday to visit with a daughter in California after visiting here since Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Nicholson of Phillips will visit this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Johnson. Mrs. Nicholson is their daughter.

Best Wishes for a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a Happy New Year

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Seed corn from the U. S. now may be shipped only to countries for which it is suited. Export licenses will be restricted to varieties and strains of seed corn adapted to the country of destination.

Before organized labor can get much sympathy from the public for its attack on the Taft-Hartley Act it will need to make a few hits and runs to compensate for all those strikes.

DAWN OF A NEW DAY

. . . and a new year. Hopes rise with the sun when its golden glow gilds all our prospects. May all the promises of 1948 be fulfilled. This is our wish for you.

RADIO APPLIANCE

Merry Christmas

The Chamber of Commerce takes this opportunity to thank the individuals and business firms for their support during the year of 1947. The Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to wish the citizens of Randall County A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Crosby Radio
Cooper's Market
Davis, I. Clyde
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Graham's Grocery
Green, Geraldine
Grabbe, Al
Lindsey Motor Co.
Hightower, C. E.
Hill, Sam H.
J. A. Hill
Jennings'
Johnson, Lee L.
Knott, A. K.
Mickle, Ed
May, O. A.
McDonald Shop
Morris, Milton
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Moore, Helen White
Morgan, Frank H.
Olympic Theatre
Plains Creamery
Randall Motor Company
Randall County Abstract Co.
Reeves, Mrs. T. V.
Savage, F. E.
Sheffy, L. F.
Smith, W. H.
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Thompson Hardware Co.
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Weeks, E. C.
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Cox, G. W.
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Kleinschmidt, J. W.
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Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.
Walker Drug
Warwick, C. W.
Western Auto Store
West Texas Gas Co
Wirt Electric
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Byars, L. L.
Batenhorst, Ray
Cundiff, E. J.
Erwin, C. B.
Graham, Edna
Gillis, John A.
Marshall, R. E.
Phillips, Frank R.
Pyramid Sales Co.
Ratjen, H. F.
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Winn, L. D.
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Winstead-Cook Nuptial Vows Are Exchanged in Christian Church

On Tuesday afternoon, December 16, at 5 o'clock in the First Christian Church, Miss Polly Winstead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Winstead, became the bride of Sgt. Stanford Gale Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Deloy Cook of Goshen, Utah.

Weems S. Dykes, minister of the Christian Church, read the double ring ceremony before a Greek window flanked by white mums and branched candelabra holding white tapers.

Prenuptial selections were played by Mrs. Ed Phillips, aunt of the bride, who also played the traditional wedding marches for the processional and recessional.

The bride entering on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage, was attired in a grey suit with black suede accessories. She carried a white Bible topped with an orchid.

Mrs. J. C. Duke, only sister of the bride, wore a grey suit complimented by a white rose corsage, to serve as the matron of honor.

Mr. J. C. Duke, brother-in-law of the bride, was best man.

Ushers were Louis Hinders and Buford Bagwell, who also lighted the candles.

Mrs. P. V. Winstead, mother of the bride, chose a grey dress and white rose corsage for her daughter's wedding. Mrs. Cook, mother of the bridegroom wore a black crepe dress with white rose corsage.

The bride was graduated from Canyon High School in 1943 and received her degree in Business Administration from West Texas State in 1946. She was prominent in all student activities in both schools. She worked on the Eagle's Tale, high school paper while in high school and was editor of The Prairie while in college. She is a member of Pi Omega sorority and was president of that group her senior year. At the time of her marriage she was teaching commercial work in Hot Springs, New Mexico for the second term.

The bridegroom attended school in Goshen and Provo, Utah. He has served in the the United States Marines four years and is on recruiting duty at Odessa, Texas, where the couple will be at home.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception honoring the couple was held in the home of the bride's parents. The linen covered table in the dining room was centered with the three-tiered bride's cake. White mums, and tall white tapers completed the table decorations. Mrs. B. B. Warren served the cake and Mrs. Louis Hinders presided at the silver coffee service. Approximately 45 guests attended and viewed the wedding gifts which were on display.

After a two weeks' honeymoon in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah, the couple will return to Odessa.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Deloy Cook of Goshen, Utah.

CLASS OF '47 HOLDS PARTY AND REUNION

Members of the Canyon High School graduating Class of '47 were entertained with a party and reunion held in Terrill Hall Monday evening, with all but five members of the class present for the occasion.

Table games were enjoyed, and gifts were exchanged by the group.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Devin, sponsors, and Mrs. J. J. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hickman, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spencer, room parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilmore of Richmond, Calif., will visit during the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilmore, and her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Thomson, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Beck and daughter, Lutha, of Lubbock, were guests during the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Key and Sylvia, and with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis. Mrs. Beck is a sister of Mrs. Key and a cousin of Mrs. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Love and sons of Tulia visited Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Letha Lehnick. Mrs. Love is her daughter. Nora Loveland of of Abilene will arrive Friday to visit during the holidays in the home of Mrs. Lehnick.

Rev. and Mrs. Carlton Thomson and daughter, of McCaulley will visit in Canyon this week in the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Thomson, and with other relatives and friends here.

Mrs. T. V. Donald and Mr. and Mrs. James Wood are spending the Christmas holidays visiting in Helena, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Shahan and daughter will visit with relatives in Waco this week.

HOLIDAY VISITOR IS HONORED AT STEAK FRY

Dr. Emile Maltry of Wichita Falls, guest of Sam Johnson and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lee L. Johnson, was honored with a steak fry held in the Palo Duro Canyons Saturday evening.

Present were: Dr. Maltry, Sam Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Johnson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Goodman and Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Holt, Virginia and Carol Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. George Blackwell.

Five new ROYAL PORTABLE typewriters received Tuesday morning at the News office for late Christmas shoppers. 1t

THIS *Holiday* SEASON

This Holiday season—may it be filled with high hopes and a spirit of confidence. The future looks brighter.

Justice, freedom and unity prevail and from this will come a happier world. We are indeed grateful.

We extend heartfelt greetings and good wishes to all our friends in this area. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you to the best of our ability in the months to come.

Best wishes to you and yours.

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Longer Range for Jet Planes Sought

Important Problem Put Up to Aviation Scientists.

WASHINGTON. — The difficult problem of getting more effective range out of America's jet-propelled military planes is being wrestled with by aviation scientists.

The jets are fast but they won't go far without refueling—a serious matter for an air force relying heavily on the concept of long-range strategic bombing and concentrating most of its power in this country.

The national advisory committee for aeronautics revealed that its researchers are giving priority attention to means of increasing range by reducing drag, or resistance, of planes at high speeds.

There are at present four American jet bombers of which there is public knowledge.

They are the B-45, which is in production, and the experimental XB-46, XB-47 and XB-48. The air force says their tactical radius is more than 800 miles, speed more than 480 miles per hour and bomb load more than 10 tons.

None of these bombers, therefore, appears to have much more than half the range of a B-29 superfort, although they are twice as fast and carry a similar bomb load.

This leaves them in the category of shorter-range tactical bombers which must operate from forward bases.

If they had the range, they should excel the B-29 and other propeller-driven heavies like the B-50 and the B-36 in striking at strategic industrial objectives deep in enemy territory. Their speed would make them harder targets.

Recurrence of Ulcers Stopped by Pig Extract

PITTSBURGH. — A certain kind of pig muscle may be the answer to the recurrence of stomach ulcers.

A report made by Dr. Morton Grossman, assistant professor of physiology at University of Illinois, reveals that "excellent results" have been obtained from the use of a new drug in curing ulcers.

Grossman, who estimated that ulcers recur after healing in 7 out of every 10 cases, said he has slowed the rate considerably by using the intestinal extract from a pig.

"Out of 27 cases I obtained excellent results from 23 of the patients," he said.

He Couldn't Play Violin; So Copies Stradivarius

SALEM, ORE. — When Lawrence Prescott was a youth, he aspired to be a famous violinist. But an accident cost him four fingers of his left hand and his dreams vanished.

Today at 75, Prescott is one of the most skilled violin makers in the nation, but the craft is "just a profitable hobby" with him. He can't play them but he can make them.

His instruments sometimes are confused with original Stradivarius violins but it does not surprise Prescott. He works from blueprints copied from originals by the famous 17th century Italian craftsman.

Prescott's violins are made of fine-grained spruce and curly maple from the Oregon woods.

Here's Chance to Buy Locomotive You Wanted

NEW YORK.—War assets administration blandly announced it had a few locomotives it would like to sell.

Persons interested in obtaining one—without tracks—were advised they could buy a steam oiler model at $1,200; two 80-ton steam coalers at $6,000 each; a 15-ton gas engine switcher at $2,200; two 30-ton diesels at $5,100 and $3,250, and a 60-ton bargain built in 1907 for only $1,250.

The WAA office also offered 10 hand-push railroad cars (aching back type) for $10 each.

Chinese Takes Eight Days To Find $1 to Pay a Fine

SHANGHAI. — Chou Chu-ju, a blacksmith, thought himself fortunate when the judge fined him one Chinese dollar in a slander case, but the smallest change he could find in Shanghai was a $10,000 note. Single dollars have been out of circulation almost two years and it now takes 400 to equal one United States cent. Chou offered the court a $10,000 note (25 cents, United States) but the judge said the fine was $1, no more. Eight days after he was fined, Chou found a $1 note.

Pain in Stomach Brings Fine and Judge's Advice

NEW YORK.—Merwin Lasner, 40, drove past four red traffic lights before police caught up with him and charged him with dangerous driving.

Lasner explained in traffic court that he had pains in his stomach and was looking for a doctor.

Magistrate Henri Schwob said a man who gets pains that bad should not be driving a car. He fined Lasner $25 and suspended his driver's license.

When admitted to the Union Oklahoma had a population larger than twenty-one other states.

The Wise Men came to bring gifts and to worship the Child in the manger.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hicks of Borger will be in Canyon Thursday to visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Frank Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brotherton and Mrs. Jeanette Robbins visited in Portales, N. M., during the week end.

Patricia Hardaway visited during the week end with her grandparents in Happy.

Mrs. Carrie Farlow of Panhandle visited here Sunday with her son, George A. Farlow.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Odom will attend a Christmas dinner in Amarillo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Boston and Eugene visited with friends in Amarillo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Myers and sons will visit with relatives in Portales, N. M., Christmas Day.

C. E. Clark left Saturday to visit with a sister in California.

Miss Ruth Peffley of Amari[llo] visited in Canyon Sunday with R[e]becca Irvine and Billie Marie Mone[...]

Coal deposits in Canada's Yuk[on] territory will be developed with t[he] assistance of the Dominion Gover[n]ment. Engineering surveys indica[te] that bituminous coal of good quali[ty] can be mined at relatively low co[st].

season's greetings and best wishes

... may christmas 1947 stir your memory to thoughts of the fragile beauty of the happiest christmas you can remember ... when these memories flood over you, we know that the spirit of this glorious and happy season will engulf you, and that this year itself will become your ...

merriest christmas ever!

the canyon news

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WE'RE GLAD IT'S CHRISTMAS

We're glad because it is the one day of the year when it is possible to cast aside the artificial dignities of every day living—the one day of the year when people can be themselves and express sentiments that are too often suppressed. May we resolve to strive for a continuation of this wholesome attitude throughout the coming year, with more tolerance toward all, with a genuine spirit of brotherhood prevailing in our every transaction. With this as the background of our activities, we feel sure that the people of this community will enjoy the most prosperous year of them all. It will lead toward the further advancement of every worthy enterprise. It will mean a year of happiness, contentment and prosperity for all!

HAIL the NEW YEAR

MODEL DAIRY

Funeral Service For Mrs. Gunter To Be Held Today

Mrs. Ruth Lee Gunter, 45 years old, died at her home east of Canyon Tuesday morning, after an extended illness. Mrs. Gunter had lived here for the past three years. She was born May 8, 1902, in Robertson County.

Funeral services are to be conducted in the First Baptist Church this morning at 10:30 with Dr. Roy L. Johnson, officiating.

Pallbearers are: C. O. Elkins, J. C. McClendon, John Wright, A. W. Glenn, Walter Graham and Charlie Wilkinson.

Surviving are the husband, Uil C. Gunter, a son, Malcolm Gunter, and three daughters, Rita and Faye Gunter of Canyon, and Mrs. Mary Lou Jackson, Plainview.

Also surviving are two sisters, Minnie Watson of Shamrock, and Mrs. Henry Vendor of Bryan, and four brothers, J. W. Watson, Houston; J. W. Watson and Marsh Watson, both of Plainview, and Kermit Watson of Clovis, N. M.

Funeral services and interment, which will be at 2:30 p. m, at Plainview, are under the direction of Griggs-Warren Funeral Home.

RETURNS FROM CHINA

James Meroney, son of Mrs. George Melton of this city, arrived Thursday for a visit. James, who is serving with the U. S. Navy, recently returned from China, and will be here until Jan. 10 when he will go to Washington for further assignment aboard his ship the U. S. S. Columbus, (CA74).

Trade with the Philippines is being fostered by Japan as a means of obtaining currency convertible into U. S. dollars. Twelve buyers representing the Philippine Government are in Japan negotiating for building materials, machinery, kitchen utensils and toys.

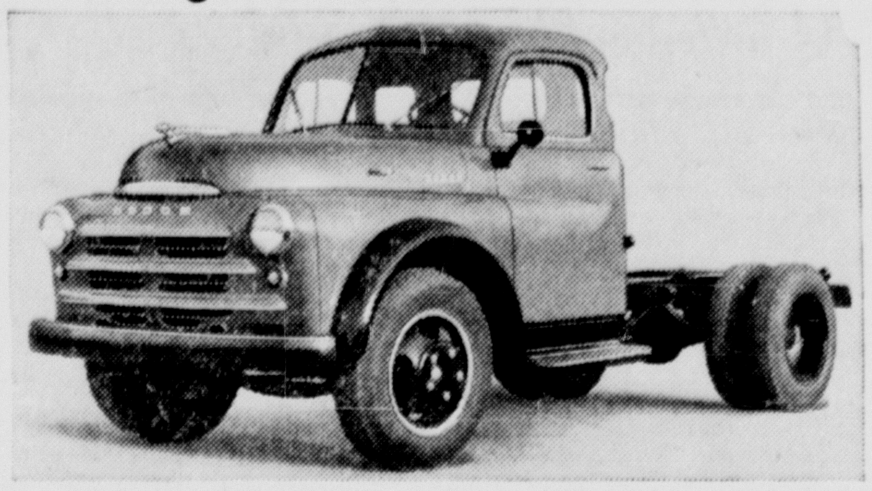
A tuna-fishing industry for Australia may be financed by American capital. Representatives of U. S. companies are reported ready to invest $15 million to exploit the shoals of tuna found in abundance off the south coast of Australia.

Egyptian cotton is being shipped to Japan for the first time since the war. A contract approved by the Allied occupation authorities provides for an initial delivery of 5,000 bales. The cotton will be used in the manufacture of combed yarns and fabrics, tire cords and thread.

Repair of lighthouses on the Greek coast has been approved by the American Mission for Aid to Greece. Equipment is being purchased in Sweden. The Greek coast line has about 400 major lights.

Minnesota boasts nearly 4,000 manufacturing institutions, the outstanding of which are flour and grain mills.

Dodge Introduces New Trucks



Among the 248 basic gross vehicle weight chassis models just announced in the new Dodge "Job-Rated" truck line is this B-1-H tractor of 128-inch wheelbase, 15,500 pounds gross vehicle weight (1½-ton nominal rating) and 28,000 pounds gross train weight. The trucks have many new features.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 20.—A completely new line of Dodge "Job-Rated" trucks comprising 248 basic chassis models ranging from 4250 to 23,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and up to 40,000 pounds gross train weight was announced today by I. F. VanNortwick, Director of Truck Sales of the Dodge Division, Chrysler Corporation.

Some models of the new trucks will be displayed starting January 7 by Samuelson Motor Company, Canyon, Texas.

A combination of massive strength and smoothly flowing lines is the keynote of styling for the new trucks. They were designed to combine appearance with comfort, safety, performance, economy and ease of handling.

Front axles have been moved back and engines have been moved forward to place more of the gross vehicle weight on the front axle and provide better weight distribution. The wheelbase for conventional models through the 2-ton has been reduced eight inches, while the 2½- and 3-ton models have been reduced six inches. The new trucks have been engineered so that despite the shorter wheelbases, the cab-to-axle dimensions remain practically unchanged, making it possible to use the same length bodies as before.

New ease of handling and driving has been provided by the shorter wheelbases and wider tread front axle, together with cross steering, which is a new feature on all conventional cab models. The cross steering permits a 37-degree turning angle both right and left. Drivers now can park or back into alleys or up to loading platforms with much greater ease. Road shock through the steering wheel is greatly reduced by the cross steering, which has the drag link running parallel with the front axle.

Standard, de luxe and custom cabs provide more room, more visibility, more safety, and more comfort for the driver.

Seat width has been increased to 57¼ inches to permit three large men to ride without crowding. The chair-height seats provide leg support under the knees and can be adjusted seven inches. The natural back support also is adaptable for maximum comfort.

The seat cushion utilizes air in combination with coil springs to provide comfort. A hand control allows the driver to adjust cushion buoyancy to his weight or road conditions.

Comfort in any season or weather is provided by an all-weather heating and ventilating system which is an ingenious combination of truck heater, defroster vents, vent windows, cowl ventilator, and fresh air intake.

De luxe and custom cabs have what is termed "360-degree vision" through increased glass area and installation of rear quarter windows. Windshields and windows of the new "Pilot-House" cabs are higher and wider, adding to vision and safety. Drivers can enter or leave the conventional cab easily from either side since the gear shift and emergency brake levers have been moved forward to give clear floor space from door to door.

Conventional models can be road-serviced from the left side as the fuel tank, oil filler, radiator filler, and battery are so located.

Dodge has seven different engines to handle the power requirements of its new line. Numerous engine improvements have been made.

Brake systems are larger and improved. Front and rear axles have increased load-carrying capacity. Front springs are longer. Radiator cores have been redesigned to facilitate better cooling. Exceptional improvements have been made in frame construction.

Holiday guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lee L. Johnson is their son, Sam Johnson, a senior medical student at Tulane University, New Orleans, La. Sam was accompanied to Canyon by a friend, Dr. Emile Maltry of Wichita Falls who visited in the Johnson home during the week end.

Guests during the Christmas holidays in the home of Mrs. Ollie M. Harrison will be Hal Harrison, AOM 1-c, his wife, and son, Larry, of San Diego, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Harrison and son, Michael, of Amarillo.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Cooper will include, Miss Mary Lee Cooper of San Diego, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Allen and Max, all of Midland.

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Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Watson will be, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Childers and sons of Cleveland, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Childers and daughters, and Willard Childers of Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Raggan Gable from Menard spent the week end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Harding. Mr. Gable is a brother of Mrs. Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hefner of Crosbyton visited last week in the home of his mother, Mrs. Addie Hefner, and with other relatives in Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Machen will spend Christmas Day visiting in Amarillo in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Gardner.

O. H. Beall has returned to Canyon after visiting in Portales, N. M., with relatives for the past several months.

Guy Brant is visiting during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brant and his sister, Opal Joyce, in Hobbs, N. M.

Mrs. Lavert Avent, Jr., is a patient in an Amarillo hospital where she recently underwent an operation. She is from Stinnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carver and children visited in the home of his mother, Mrs. J. C. Carver, Monday. They are from Amarillo.

Mrs. Mark Foster and daughters, Mary Sue and Bobbie, visited in Amarillo Sunday with Miss Ella Stephens in the Underwood Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Parker and daughter, Karen Sue, will visit Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cole in Pratt, Kans.

Miss Betty Jo Cone of Panhandle is spending the holidays visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cone.

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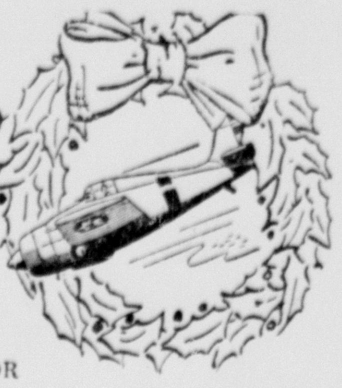
Mr. and Mrs. Murray Boston and son, Eugene, will attend a family dinner and reunion in McLean, Christmas Day.

Bill Knighton, student at Wayland College, is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Knighton.

Cadet Sandy Oliver arrived in Canyon Sunday from West Point to spend the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parsons and daughters, Judy and Bobbie Kay, plan to spend Christmas in Wellington with relatives.



Christmas

ONE OF THE FREE THINGS FOR WHICH MEN FIGHT

May we be humble in our thoughts at Christmastime, fully aware of the sacrifices which have made it possible for us to enjoy another free American Christmas.

May our Christmas greeting be extended not only to our friends at home but those in distant lands who have fought so valiantly for the things in which Americans believe.

HARPER'S LAUNDRY

WILL BE CLOSED FOR INVENTORY FRIDAY, DEC. 26th.

THOMPSON'S

FARMS

Sec. South of Wayside; 480 acres planted to wheat and all goes. Some improvements and is on highline. Under the market at $75. Also South of Wayside, 3-4 nicely improved farm, some wheat. Immediate possession at $60. Dairy farm close to town at $55. Two sections Randall County, improved about half, excellent grass at $55. Others.

A. B. DUNCAN
West side of Square, Canyon, Texas.

FOR SALE: 30 real nice White Leghorn hens. Canyon Produce. Phone 43. 1t

FOR SALE: Two piece living room suite. Good condition. Phone 240. $150.00 value $50.00 413t

FOR SALE: 5-room house at 301 21st Street. N. T. Dickerson. 42tf

FOR SALE: 10 weining pigs, 1000 hour batery radio. Wilson Hicks. Box 583. 42p2

WANTED: Three bed-room unfurnished house. Permanent. Mr. Hall. Phone 134. 41tf

FOUND: Sterling tie clip. Owner may have same by paying for this ad. Ruth Lowes, 2004 Seventh Ave. 1t

SERVICES of Practical Registered Nurse available. Inquire at News Office. 1p

NOTICE: Members and prospective members of the Co-Op Nursery: We will be open on Jan. 5 and 6 so that you may come in and pay your dues for the month of January. Will not keep children on those two days. The Nursery opens to keep the children on Jan. 7. Thank you. Mrs. Hedges.. 43p2

LOST: Kodax Monitor Camera. Reward. Call News Office, 41. 43p3

LOST: Brown hand-tooled purse. Initials G. L. M. Reward. Phone 167W. 43p2

LOST: Brown leather ladies billfold with dog ornament on chain. Finder may leave at News Office. 1p

FAMILY OF FOUR adults are very badly in need of a 6 or more room house. If you have one to rent, contact W. R. Hall at Bill's Steak House. Willing to pay good rent.42tf

FOR EXTERIOR or interior painting call 234J. 40p3

FOR SALE: Five one-acre lots adjacent college campus. Best buy in Canyon. O. L. Coleman. 30tf

DOES YOUR washing machine need tuning up? Call 405, for free pick-up and delivery service. Cunningham Maytag Appliance Co. 35tf

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the First National Bank in Canyon that the annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its offices on the second Tuesday of January, 1948, the same being the 13th day of January, 1948, at 3:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and considering other business which may come before the stockholders.

W. C. BLACK,
41t5 Vice President and Cashier.

HOMES

Centrally located Modern brick. Has double garage and large basement. Underpriced at $10,000. Four room tile centrally located, immediate possession at $5000. Four room Southwest part at $4500. Close in small four room at $3750. Others. See

A. B. DUNCAN
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Regular Meetings—7:30 p. m.
2nd and 4th Thursdays

V. F. W.
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Meets at Court house 1st and 3rd Wed. Night, 8 p. m.

WANTED: Listings, all types of land, both wheat and stock farms. Prospects waiting. White and Whitehead, realtors, 411 W 10th, Amarillo, Texas. 14tf

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 66
Sponsor: All Saints Protestant Episcopal Church
Meets: Every Wednesday—8:00 p. m.
1710 Seventh Ave.
Dr. Charles W. Martin, Scoutmaster

Employment in Switzerland reached two and one-half million, compared to 1,971,000 in 1939. The Swiss Government reports a need for 80,000 more manual workers, although 109,000 laborers from other countries were authorized to enter Switzerland during the last year.

Three additional loans, totaling $13 million, have been extended to Mexico by the U. S. Export-Import Bank. The funds will be used for purchasing railway materials, sugar-mill equipment and machinery for a number of meat-canning plants.

Production of coal in Japan is rising. November output set a new monthly record of 2,477,000 tons. December production is expected to reach 2,700,000 tons.

A new refrigeration plant, largest in Europe, has been completed in Darsena, Italy. The plant now is capable of holding about 1,500 tons of merchandise, and provision has been made for doubling the capacity when the need arises.

War damage claims amounting to $680 million are being paid to Britons by their Government. The payments are for properties declared to be total losses and are exclusive of compensation for goods and chattels destroyed in air attacks or for repairs or partly damaged property.

Cereals and by-products exported by Argentina in the first 11 months of 1947 amounted to 4,952,185 tons. November shipments set a new record of 916,417 tons.

We Wish You an OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

At this radiant Season of good cheer, when business cares and worries are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts and deeds, we sincerely wish you an old fashioned joyful Christmas and a just reward for your every effort during the New Year.

You have been very considerate in every way during the time it has been our privilege to serve you. For that reason we have set as our goal greater efforts to serve you more diligently than ever before.

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THOMPSON'S

The true meaning of Christmas is best manifest by the cheerful atmosphere and the friendly associations of those about us. It is the time of good fellowship and the thoughtful consideration of others.

May this happiness be yours to enjoy, not only at Christmas but during every day of the coming year.

CLYDE DAVIS

GULF PRODUCTS

Licenses for arms shipments to the Middle East have been discontinued by the U. S. State Department because of the current disorders. Countries affected are Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Trans-Jordan, Iraq and Palestine.

Texas leads all states in many items. It has a much larger production of petroleum than any other state in the Union, its lands are productive of many kinds of farm crops, and in all parts of it are manufacturing institutions of various kinds.

North Carolina is one of America's progressive states. It produces a large variety of agricultural products, including peaches, pears and grapes. It produces a large amount of minerals, among which are gold, silver and copper.

Illinois is one of the great and leading states of the Nation. Its agriculture is important and varied; its mining industry is large and valuable; its financial, wholesale and manufacturing interests are immense and valuable.

Christmas! No vaunting phrases can truly carry the meaning of that word, no marching adjectives picture its fulfillment. Its being and expression must ever lie in the simple words of the prophets, in the unpretentious but meaningful phrases of the Man of Galilee:

"ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TO MEN."

CINDERELLA BEAUTY SHOP

CLOSED UNTIL JANUARY 5th

Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.

HOLMAN & HAYS

PLUMBING

Whatever Name, Santa Is There

SANTA CLAUS is not always the merry, jovial, fur-clad saint behind a team of reindeer. There are almost as many versions of Santa as there are nationalities—Father Christmas, Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas or even Babonska. But, whatever his name, he is loved and welcomed by all children.

In America on Christmas Eve there is a merry tinkling of sleigh bells as Santa Claus drives up in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer, pauses just long enough to climb down each chimney. From a huge pack on his back he fills the children's stockings with toys and goodies. Gifts too large to be stuffed in the stockings are tied on glittering evergreen trees adorned with tinsel, gay ornaments and lighted candles, or electrical lights now in vogue.

It's not always Santa who brings gifts to children in other lands. The Dutch children anxiously await the arrival of St. Nicholas. He was the bishop of Myra, so he is dressed in the traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre and carries the crozier. He rides a white horse named "Sleipner" and is accompanied by Black Peter, his page boy. Instead of hanging up their stockings, Dutch children place their wooden shoes in the chimney corner before going to bed. On the window sills they leave a bunch of hay for "Sleipner." It is customary for St. Nicholas to overturn chairs and leave the room in general confusion for Christmas morning.

THE English children look for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own. They also find gifts tied to a green Christmas tree but this custom has been in effect only since Queen Victoria was a young bride. Her husband, Albert, a German prince, introduced this Christmas custom to England from Germany.

In Finland Santa has elves who pass out gifts for him. This generous group is known as Wainemoinen and Akko.

Babonska, a young and beautiful girl, brings the gifts in Russia. Grandfather Frost accompanies Babonska in a sleigh as she makes her rounds on Christmas Eve.

Italy has no Santa Claus, but in his place is a beneficent old witch, Befona, who sails through the air on a broom stick. She leaves her presents for the children beside the hearth.

Papa Noel, who is very similar to Santa Claus, reigns in Brazil. Like Santa, he wears a red suit and travels in a sleigh drawn by reindeer, but he enters the house through a window instead of the chimney.

AN ANGEL, who descends on a golden cord to accompany Santa, leaves the gifts in Czechoslovakia.

Dwarfs bring the gifts to Scandinavian children, who in turn leave bowls of porridge on the doorstep for their benefactors. The gifts are distributed at the supper hour. In Sweden, every family places a sheaf of grain on a pole or on fence posts for the birds' Christmas dinner.

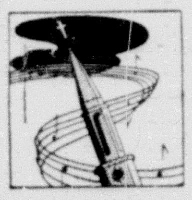
Spanish children also place grain on the window sills so that the Magi may feed their horses when they bring the gifts. Older people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

Lapland's benefactor is the Christmas Goat, or Old Man Christmas. He wears a strange garb, a hooded fur coat, long whiskers and a false nose.

A radiant angel, who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer, brings the gifts to children of Switzerland.

CHRISTMAS Bells by HENRY W LONGFELLOW

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,

The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,

And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Christmas Trees Of Many Kinds

FROM forests and woodlots of the United States a torrent of green rolls into the cities during pre-holiday weeks as farmers and foresters market their annual crop of Christmas trees.

The twinkling tree which adds holiday cheer to practically every home in the nation is one of America's most invariable domestic habits. As a result, it has brought the Christmas tree business into the realm of "big business." Some 14 million evergreens are required annually. Their retail value has soared into the quarter billion dollar vicinity, the 1946 returns being estimated at 28 million dollars.

Cash returns from the sale of Christmas trees represent only a

small fraction of their value to American agriculture. Thousands of farmers are using the lowly evergreen to anchor sand lands to protect the shifting soil from further erosion.

With exception of the prairie lands, virtually every state in the union produces Christmas trees, at least for local consumption.

In the West, Colorado and Montana are the heavy exporters while in the East, the New England states compete with Canadian growers for the American markets. Inland, the heart of the Christmas tree country centers on upper Michigan, northern Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Invest Your Printing Money in Canyon

KING'S DAUGHTERS CLASS HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas party for the King's Daughters Class of the First Baptist Church was held in the home of Mrs. C. W. Dun, Friday, Dec. 19, at 2:30 p. m. Present for the occasion was Mrs. J. W. Hough, 93 years old, and a longtime member of the church and Sunday School, who makes her home with Mrs. Dunn.

Interesting games were played and carols were sung by the group. Gifts were presented, with a special shower for Mrs. Hough.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Mary Langston, Mrs. Addie Hefner, Mrs. A. B. Russell, Mrs. Ella Potter, Mrs. Jessie Reid, Mrs. Cynthia Anderson, Mrs. Pearl Bowman, Mrs. I. M. Steen, Mrs. J. D. Key, Mrs. Pennie Ann Cox, Mrs. E. B. Anthony, Mrs. J. T. Burnett, Mrs. T. V. Slack, Mrs. C. O. Cooper, Mrs. T. T. Fain, Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Hough.

Miss Frankie Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Phillips, is in Canyon to visit during the holidays. She is a teacher in the Friona schools.

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☐ Breeder's Gazette	1 Yr.	☐ Pathfinder (26 Issues)	1 Yr.
☐ Christian Herald	6 Mo.	☐ Photoplay	1 Yr.
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		☐ True Story	1 Yr.
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Sunny Hill News

Christmas is on us again. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Melvin Smith is home from College Station for the holidays; also R. B. Gist, Jr., is home from Texas Tech.

Most everyone from this community was in Canyon Saturday.

Tomas Loyd and Bobby Gene Henry are spending the holidays at Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Orva Henry are caring for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellis' baby while Mrs. Ellis is in the hospital with pneumonia. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mack Findley and Miss Billy Nall of Amarillo visited Mrs. R. N. Henry and sons Sunday.

O. A. Smith's aunt of Stratford, visited him last week.

Mrs. R. N. Henry and Arthur visited her brother of Grandview who was sick last week.

Mrs. Fanny Goodnight, Robert and Mrs. Pruett visited in Amarillo Sunday.

We are still in need of moisture in our neighborhood.

Mrs. R. B. Gist and R. B. Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Orva Henry Sunday night.

This community was saddened by the death of the Brazil boy Sunday night in a train and car collision.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Russell Bishop and children, Billie Marie and Jimmie Don, of Portales, N. M., visited during the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Myers. They were accompanied by Miss Bobbie Jean Visage, also of Portales. Mrs. Bishop and Bobbie Jean are sisters of Mrs. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Overton Donnell and daughter of Sunray visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Donnell during the week end.

Miss Lou Ella Patterson will visit with relatives in San Antonio and Goldthwaite during the holidays.

EVERYBODY

• WE ARE THE WORLD'S MOST INVENTIVE RACE—AND YET WE HAVEN'T FOUND A NEW WAY OF SAYING "MERRY CHRISTMAS." MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL!

• IN ANY EVENT, WE CAN PHRASE NO BETTER MESSAGE FOR THIS JOYOUS SEASON THAN THAT ANCIENT WISH.

CITY GARAGE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

EVERYBODY

J. W. SHOOK

MAY THE SOFT GLOW OF CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Bring you a comforting peacefulness that will remain with you always.

BILL'S TRUCK STOP

GOODYEAR TIRES AND SHAMROCK GAS

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS

. . . AND MAY THE SPIRIT OF THIS DAY LINGER ON, BRINGING CHEER AND COMFORT LONG AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY ITSELF IS GONE.

H-R'S GREENHOUSE

Scientist Hails Telepathy Test

Tells of Success in Trial to Cast Minds Across Atlantic Ocean.

DUNDEE, SCOTLAND. — The British Association for the Advancement of Science was told by a psychologist that he had established statistically the probable existence of the power of one mind to communicate with another, even across the Atlantic ocean.

Prof. John Hettinger of London university, said that he had engaged in research in mental telepathy for eight years. After satisfying himself that a prima facie case for telepathy had been made out, he began to wonder about the contention of some believers in telepathy that the faculty is not limited by distance.

Hettinger arranged with psychologists in New York to conduct a series of tests in which "controls" on the western side of the Atlantic looked at pictures clipped at random from magazines. "Sensitives" in London tried to pick up, as a radio receiver picks up signals from a transmitter, impressions of what the controls in New York were looking at.

Didn't Tell 'Em.

Neither controls nor sensitives were told what was going on.

He showed members of the society lantern slides of the experiments. A New Yorker looked at a picture of Joe Louis. In London, the sensitive said simultaneously: "Someone is counting—wants to count movements. Two men are in the attitude of boxing."

A New Yorker held up a picture of a man playing a string instrument with the thumb of one hand and the second and third fingers of the other. In London the sensitive said: "I want to use the thumb and third finger only."

Got It in London.

A New Yorker looked at an advertisement showing a waiter with a round tray on which were two tumblers. The sensitive in London said: "I am holding a small round tray with two glasses on it."

In New York, a control looked at a picture of a medical attendant examining the mouth of a war prisoner. The sensitive in London said: "Something is wrong with the mouth. I rather got the impression of a dentist."

A New Yorker looked at an advertisement showing four small and four large jars, with a woman holding her hand between the third and fourth large jars. In London, a sensitive said: "Glass jars. I want to take the fourth one."

Concluding his speech and demonstration, Hettinger said:

"I hope that a few of the psychologists who are present will fully grasp the implications, become interested in further experimentation and make their own future contributions to this most promising field of psychological investigations."

Population Hits 143,311,000, Census Bureau Estimates

WASHINGTON.—The census bureau reported that the population of the United States last April totaled approximately 143,311,000, including about 1,250,000 then in the military forces.

The bureau said the civilian population, estimated at 142,061,000, represented a gain of 10,392,000 or about 7.9 per cent in the seven-year period since April, 1940.

The largest increase, about 3,427,000 or 24.7 per cent, was reported in the West, with the smallest increase in the South where the gain was 1,107,000 or 2.7 per cent.

The bureau further said: The city population increased from 74,424,000 to about 83,860,000 or 12.7 per cent during the seven-year period.

The non-farm population in rural areas increased even more, from 27,029,000 to 30,896,000 or 14.3 per cent.

Estimates as of July 1, 1946, set the nation's population at 141,228,693 including troops overseas.

Discover New Type Insect That 'Attacks Anything'

COLUMBUS, OHIO.—Man apparently isn't alone in devising "secret weapons"—the insect world is doing it, too.

Jeff Swinecoat, naturalist for the Ohio State university museum, said mankind this year is being plagued by several new insects, including one that looks like a bumblebee and will attack anything.

This new insect, the naturalist said, has only two wings and has been given the name "robber fly."

Furthermore, Swinecoat said, there are four new species of mosquitoes.

Mary's Lamb Graduates After Visit to School

NEW YORK.—Mary and her little lamb went to school one day. Mary Ann Fannon, 8, fell in love with a baby lamb on a visit to the Bronx zoo. An uncle, hearing of the attachment, sent a lamb to Mary. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Fannon, decided the lamb wasn't suited to an apartment. So they decided to give the lamb to St. Joan of Arc parochial school as a mascot. Mary took her pet to class, but school authorities decided the Bronx zoo would be a better home for the lamb.

It's not especially controls that Uncle Sam needs—it's a new set of brakes.

RUTH CLASS MEMBERS MEET IN WINTERS HOME

Mrs. Leonard Winters was hostess to members of the Ruth Class of the First Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, in her home with Mrs. Elwood Shero and Mrs. David Horn assisting as co-hostesses.

The entertaining rooms were gaily decorated with a lighted Christmas tree, bells, candles, greenery, and tinsel.

In a brief business session, Mrs. Kenneth Cox, was selected as president of the class to succeed Mrs. Clark Jarnagin, who asked to be released.

Program for the occasion included a number of games, and the singing of carols by the group; a duet, "White Christmas," by Helen Martin and Barbara Ann Winters, and a piano solo, "Beautiful Blue Danube," by Barbara Ann.

Gifts were exchanged and each member drew the name of a "love sister" for the next year.

Popcorn balls, candy, apples, fruit cake, nuts and spiced tea were served to the following members: Mesdames Leslie Key, Idena McBroom, Ralph Ruthardt, Harold Byars, Kenneth Cox, Sam Hill, Jack Barnard, Ada Bryan, R. D. Wheelock, Jack Parsons, Christler Crain, Everett Hardaway, Eileen Stone, Mildred Gauge, Evelyn Thomas, Tom Newton, Bill Money, Elma Howell, Luke Miller, Virgil Henson, Milton Myers, Thelma Pruett, Hugh Greiner, Doyce Newman, C. J. Hughes, David Horn, Elwood Shero, Leonard Winters, Crews Henry and Lee McLaury.

UMBARGER 4-H MEMBERS MEET FOR ANNUAL PARTY

Umbarger Junior 4-H Club held its annual Christmas party, Dec. 18, in the school from 2:30 until 4 o'clock. Roll call was answered with each girl reading a verse which was drawn from a large red bell.

Recitations were given by Evelyn Hoffman and Mary Jansen, and games and carols were enjoyed by the group. Gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree.

Refreshments of sandwiches, Christmas cookies, cakes, homemade candy and punch were served by Mrs. W. P. Jansen, Mrs. Max Hoffman and Mrs. Lewis Raef.

Present were: Mrs. Clarence Beckman, sponsor, Evelyn and Mary Hoffman, guests; and members, Jo Ann Hollenstein, Marcella Pryzella, Mary Jansen, Mary Fishbacker, Betty Hoffman, Barbara Raef, Helen Westhoff, Margaret Friemel, Bernice Grabber, Betty Higgins, Catherine Koch, Theresa Batenhorst, Estella Friemel, Elizabeth Ann Beckman and Helen Raef.

Help Keep Canyon Clean!

The most precious Christmas gift we can think of is the gift of goodwill. May you, and everyone else in the world receive it!

ROBERTS WELDING

While angels hovered overhead,
the Star of Bethlehem guided
the Three Wise Men
to the Manger at Bethlehem.
We cannot offer you their gifts
of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
Our gift must be restricted
to the old, but heartfelt wish
for all the joys and blessings
of the Yuletide season.

BUFFALO DRUG

Below are the Dates that the Majority of the Members of each Profession Wish to Close in 1948

	New Year	Memorial May 30	4th July	Labor Sept. 1	Home C. Game	Nov. 11th	Thanks-giving	Christmas
Grocery Stores	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Appliance & Electric	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Barber & Beauty Shops	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
W. T. Gas & S. W. Public Service	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Abstract & Loan Offices	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Dentists	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Jewelers	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Flower Shops	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Produce	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Welding & Blacksmithing	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Plumbing	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Motor Companies (Sales Depts.)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Recreation	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hardware & Implement	x			x	x	x	x	x
Furniture	x			x	x	x	x	x
Wholesale Oil & Gas	x	x		x		x	x	x
Photo Studio	x	x	x			x	x	x
Real Estate Offices		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Clothing Stores		x	x		x	x	x	x
Canyon News		x	x		x	x	x	x
Second Hand Stores		x	x		x	x		x
Lumber Yards			x	x	x	x	x	x
Laundries			x	x	x		x	x
Tailor Shops			x			x	x	x
Garages			x		x		x	x
Variety Stores			x		x		x	x
Drug Stores							x	x
Cafes							x	x
Filling Stations								x

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